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● A personal message from Cllr Ann Lucas OBE, Leader, Coventry City Council.

## Making Christmas special for all

This is such a special time of year for all of us who are lucky enough to be surrounded by friends, families and loved ones.

As a very proud gran I'm thrilled to be with my fabulous grandchildren at Christmas - even if it can all get a bit noisy at times! But while making Christmas dinner for up to 17 people can get a bit hot and frantic I wouldn't have it any other way.

However, it's also important to remember those who may find Christmas a lonely or difficult time - and all those brilliant people who work so hard to try to make a difference for the benefit of others.

Over the coming weeks the Coventry winter night shelter campaign gets underway - a cause close to the heart of our former Council Deputy Leader, Cllr Phil Townshend, who passed away far too suddenly in October. And it was typical of Phil that, instead of flowers at his funeral, he had asked for contributions to the night shelter. You can find out more about the night shelter's great work on page 7 of this issue.

Phil will be so missed by his family, friends, and his loving daughter Kirsty. For me, he is a massive loss to the Council, as well as a dear friend.

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### A personal message from Ken Sloan, chair of the Coventry Partnership...

2015 has been a very productive year for the Coventry Partnership in helping support the work to make Coventry a quality place for people to live and work.

We held our annual conference which also reminded us of the financial challenges we all face in the coming months.

It's also coming up to my second year as Chair of the Coventry Partnership and it still amazes me the number of organisations that want to work

together to improve life in the city.

Communication is a priority for us all and as we move into 2016 we will be making more use of social media including a redesign of the partnership website, which I hope will be more interactive and engaging for communities at

[www.coventrypartnership.com](http://www.coventrypartnership.com)

On behalf of the Partnership I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a positive 2016.



\* Ken Sloan, chair of the Coventry Partnership.



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# £1.2m grant savings target

Coventry City Council is talking to organisations who receive grant funding about a proposal to cut funding by 12.5%.

Meetings have been held with organisations facing the biggest potential grant cuts before councillors make a final decision on the detail of the move.

The Council is looking to save £1.2million from an overall grants budget of £9million a year. The proposals, if agreed, will come into effect from April 2016.

Organisations in the city currently getting a grant from the Council have been warned that government spending cuts are forcing the Council to make difficult decisions about future grant support.

The current proposals see some sporting organisations, including Coventry Sports Foundation and Coventry Sports Trust, protected from grant cuts. Also protected are Culture Coventry, which includes Coventry Transport Museum and the Herbert, community grants and Coventry Foodbank.

However, cuts of 30.7% are being proposed for some other organisations, including Voluntary Action Coventry, Coventry Law Centre and the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

Coventry City Council's own grant it receives from the Government will be cut by half by 2017.

Organisations affected and service users can complete the online consultation at [www.coventry.gov.uk/grants\\_consultation](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/grants_consultation). The consultation runs until December 6.

## Black cab scoops design award



More than 10,000 people voted for their transport 'Design Icons' and Coventry's very own black cab was the overall winner.

Sponsored by Exterior Media, the 'Design Icons' search is part of 'Transported by Design', an 18-month programme of events, exhibitions and competitions that celebrate the role of good design on London's transport network.

Industry experts, and the London Transport Museum also voted. Among the top designs were Harry Beck's original Tube map and Baker Street tube station platform.

## Libraries rethink to balance books

Coventry people are being asked for their views on an initiative to find new ways to deliver council services across the city.

The proposals could see two of the city's 17 libraries moving to different, cheaper premises and all libraries across the city remaining open while the Council works with schools, community groups and other organisations to develop new ways of delivering services in the city.

A report into the future of the city's libraries, community centres, public toilets and play centres makes a number of recommendations aimed at delivering £1.2million worth of savings a year from April 2016. A further £3.8million a year will be saved from 2017/18 through the new approach to delivering council services in neighbourhoods.

The initiative replaces the Council's City Centre First Strategy which recommended focusing services in a few key areas outside the city centre.

Cllr David Kershaw, Cabinet Member for Education and Libraries said: "We are aiming to keep open our libraries – we understand Coventry residents' passion for their libraries and have listened to their concerns.

"That is why I guaranteed they would all stay open until next year so we could look carefully at the implications of some of our proposals.

"We are doing this, of course, against a backdrop of spending cuts that will see our government grant cut by half by 2017.

"We have no choice about reducing services and making tough decisions against the stark reality of having to deliver services with at least £250 per head less to spend on every man, woman and child in Coventry than we had in 2010.

"But these new proposals will not mean the closure of libraries. What they do mean is that we could see new ways of delivering learning and library, children's and family services across all communities.

He added: "We now need some time to carry out detailed work with communities, community groups and partner organisations, including schools. We are already working with some of these groups. There is a real appetite across the city from people who want to get involved and work with us and I think we recognise the Council does not always know best.

"We have excellent and committed head teachers, church leaders, community and resident group chairs as well as people who simply care about the place they live in and want to do more."

Consultation on the proposals will run from 7 December to 1 February next year before councillors take a final decision.

## Wayfinding "totems" are a first for the city

Visitors and residents in Coventry will soon have a new way to navigate their way around the city using 16 new digital "Interactive Wayfinding Totems"

The totems – the first of their kind in Europe – are electronic touchscreens which will help pedestrians find useful information about the city, maps, activities, places of interest and will have listings and locations of every business in the city centre.

The totems will go 'live' in early December.

## 75 year anniversary for Advice Bureau

Citizens Advice Coventry is celebrating 75 years in the city.

The Bureau was set up at the start of the Second World War although its offices were destroyed in the Blitz.

Poor funding and accommodation led the organisation to close briefly in 1969. It reopened in 1970 and has seen dramatic growth over the last 45 years.

It recently secured Heritage Lottery Funding to carry out essential repairs to its premises, Kirby House, a Grade II listed building in Little Park Street.

For details of the support available visit [www.coventrycab.org.uk](http://www.coventrycab.org.uk)

# New city centre venue points way to online services

**The Council has opened a new Customer Service Centre, based in Broadgate House bringing a range of services all under one roof.**

A new meet and greet team will be supporting customers to use its online services and self-service payment kiosks while the Council's receptions in Spire House, Council Tax enquiry counter and payments in the Council House will close.

Although the centre is open, residents don't have to phone or visit us to get things done.

The Council has ensured that a range of services are now available online – ready for people to use

whenever and wherever is convenient to them.

As well as paying and applying online, people can manage their Council Tax and Housing Benefit accounts, report missed bins and arrange bulky waste, replacement bins and assisted collections. See what's available at [www.coventry.gov.uk](http://www.coventry.gov.uk)

Services operating from the Broadgate House Customer Service Centre will include: housing benefit, council tax, housing and homeless, payments, planning and building control enquiries, and school admissions, free school meals and bus passes.

# Panto offer's a real beauty

■ Iain Lauchlan One of the stars of *Beauty and the Beast*.



Coventry's Belgrade Theatre is once again asking people to support their Give a Gift of Theatre project.

The Belgrade is partnering with Coventry Foodbank to provide 400 free tickets to up to 100 low-income families to the theatre's annual pantomime – *Beauty and the Beast*.

Joanna Reid, the Belgrade's Executive Director said that providing free tickets to people who are struggling financially is a great way to let people know that they are not alone at Christmas.

To make a donation to the Belgrade's Give a Gift of Theatre campaign, call: 024 7684 6758 or visit [www.localgiving.com/charity/belgradetheatre](http://www.localgiving.com/charity/belgradetheatre)

Tickets for *Beauty and the Beast* are available now from the Belgrade's Box Office on 024 7655 3055 priced from £14.50 to £23, with child and concession tickets from £9.50.

Family tickets are priced from £36 to £66 and cheaper tickets can be purchased online at [www.belgrade.co.uk](http://www.belgrade.co.uk)

# Park for free after three

Shoppers visiting Coventry city centre will be able to park for free whilst late night shopping on Wednesdays in the run up to Christmas.

The free parking will be available on Wednesdays after 3pm between November 25 and December 23, helping shoppers make the most of the late night Christmas shopping period.

The offer will also include free parking after 3pm on Monday 21, Tuesday 22, Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 December.

The free parking on Wednesdays after 3pm will be on offer in all Council-operated city centre car parks, including:

- West Orchards Shopping Centre
- Barracks multi-storey car park
- Lower Ford Street

Salt Lane car park will continue to be free for anyone who enters after 6pm every day of the week.

A full list of all Council-operated car parks can be found at [www.coventry.gov.uk/carparking](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/carparking)

# Radio Plus up for right royal award

Radio Plus 101.5FM, the Coventry-based community radio station celebrating its fifth birthday this Christmas has been nominated for a Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

Operating out of the former home of Mercia FM at Hertford Place, which is now a community media hub, Radio Plus has over 40 volunteers who regularly present and produce programmes across the 24/7 schedule.

As well as offering media training to local Coventry-based volunteers, Radio Plus also provides free job-readiness training for 16-24 year olds who are not in education, employment or training. For more information and to listen online, go to: [www.radioplus.org.uk](http://www.radioplus.org.uk) or e-mail [studio@radioplus.org.uk](mailto:studio@radioplus.org.uk)

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# Sniffing out illegal cigarettes

A specialist tobacco sniffer dog helped uncover over £7,000 worth of illegal cigarettes and tobacco during a string of targeted raids on Coventry shops.

The haul was seized by a team of trading standards officers, police support and the help of their four legged friend, in a series of planned raids on six retail premises in the city recently.

The team enlisted the help of two year old Welsh Cocker Spaniel, Yoyo, to seek out the counterfeit brands and illicit foreign tobacco during the operation.

Cigarettes were found concealed behind ceiling tiles, false walls, in hidden compartments and under flooring in an attempt to avoid detection.

Cllr David Galliers, chair of the Council's Licensing and Regulatory Committee, said: "Yoyo has proved to be a valuable member of the

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"I spent the morning out with the team and found the exercise fascinating."

Anyone who has information about the trade of illegal tobacco is asked to contact Trading Standards' anonymous hotline on 0300 303 2636, Citizens Advice consumer service on 03454 040506, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



■ Cllr Dave Galliers (left) with Stuart Phillips and his sniffer dog, Yoyo.

## Consumers urged to know their rights

Consumers and local businesses are being urged to get to grips with the new provisions in the Consumer Rights Act which came into force on October 1.

The new Act changed all consumer law relating to the sale of goods and services bought from October 1 including a new 30-day time limit for consumers to "reject" faulty goods and receive

a refund.

Cllr David Galliers, Chair of the Council's Licensing and Regulatory Committee, said: "Our Trading Standards Team is keen to help local businesses and ensure they don't fall foul of the law.

"Taking a responsible and proactive approach can help avoid difficulties further down the line, which is better for the business and the customer."

Mike Lynn of the Council's Trading Standards Team, said: "Retailers are responsible for training their staff but consumers should spend a few minutes familiarising themselves with the new laws too.

"Nobody wants to give or receive a defective product but it is important to know how to resolve any issues, should they arise."

Details are available at [www.businesscompanion.co.uk](http://www.businesscompanion.co.uk) and Coventry businesses with specific queries can phone the dedicated Trading Standards Business Advice Line: 024 7683 3333.

Consumer advice is available from the Citizens Advice consumer service: 03454 04 05 06 or online at [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)

### Hate crime figures

Each year more than 3,000 people in the region are deliberately targeted by crooks and louts just because of who they are, and police chiefs believe it's the "tip of the iceberg."

"National research shows that a large number of people are targeted because of their race, religion, impairment, sexual orientation or gender identity, and they don't actually report offences to police," said Chief Superintendent Chris Johnson.

West Midlands Police are encouraging people to speak out. For details visit [www.report-it.org.uk](http://www.report-it.org.uk)

## Schools helping spot the signs of Child Sexual Exploitation

The Council is holding training sessions with primary and secondary school staff on how to spot the signs of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE).

Over 70 schools have already completed the training including President Kennedy Secondary School.

Richard Beattie, Assistant Head teacher at the school (pictured above with year 9 students), said: "Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility and it's important that we equip our staff to spot the signs of CSE because of them working so closely with children."



Anyone who's concerned that they may know a victim of CSE can report it to the police on 101, or the Coventry social care team on 024 7678 8555 or out of hours on 024 7683 2222.

Young people can either phone or text a national helpline number 116 000 which is available 24/7 and is free to contact.

More information can be found on [www.coventry.gov.uk/cse](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/cse) For details of school training sessions e-mail [Judith.simmonds@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:Judith.simmonds@coventry.gov.uk)

## Don't let a loan shark ruin Christmas

An estimated 310,000 households borrowed from a loan shark during 2015, and with 20 per cent of victims taking out a loan to fund Christmas, people find that they end up paying back the loan well into the New Year.

Loan sharks often target those who would struggle to access credit through legitimate sources. Often the borrower won't know how much

they owe, in some cases interest has been as high as a staggering 131,000% APR)

However, England Illegal Money Lending Team has helped more than 25,000 victims and prosecuted 329 culprits. For support call the 24/7 confidential hotline on 0300 555 2222. Visit [www.direct.gov.uk/stoploansharks](http://www.direct.gov.uk/stoploansharks)

# Churches to shelter the homeless



**From December, seven Church venues each staffed by more than 10 volunteers will offer shelter, warmth, food and companionship for up to 20 homeless people.**

Last winter Coventry's night shelter campaign cared for 169 guests, and, working in partnership with the Salvation Army, helped half of them into more sustainable accommodation. The project achieved its success due to the efforts of more than 300 volunteers.

Now, this winter, scheme organisers are looking to add to the team of volunteers.

Volunteers are being asked to provide support either during the evening 7-10pm, overnight between 10pm-7am or in the mornings from 7-9am.

If anyone can spare the time this winter as either an individual or a group then they should email

cwns.asst@gmail.com to express their interest.

Although the project is financially secure in terms of funding the shelters this winter, donations are welcome. Last winter the night shelter cost more than £7,000 and with extra support we could help more people. Donations can be sent to Coventry Winter Night Shelter, The Welcome Centre, Parkside, Coventry, CV1 2HG.

**Coventry Winter Night Shelter was also close to the heart of Cllr Philip Townshend, the Council's former Deputy Leader, who sadly passed away recently. At his funeral at Coventry Cathedral mourners were invited to donate to a collection for the night shelter project. For details visit [www.facebook.com/Coventry-Winter-Night-Shetler](http://www.facebook.com/Coventry-Winter-Night-Shetler)**



## Heartfelt campaign bags £30k



Julian Temblett from the British Heart Foundation with Ross Frazer, one of the Coventry University students involved in the initiative.

Coventry University students teamed up with the British Heart Foundation (BHF) to donate their unwanted items in a scheme that the charity estimates has raised around £30,000.

Heart Foundation shops in the city joined with the university to encourage students to have a clear out and donate clothes, shoes, books, DVDs, bags and small

electricals they no longer needed at the end of the academic year, enabling the charity to recycle goods that might otherwise be wasted.

The profits from the 'Pack for Good' scheme – which this year saw 2,265 bags of items donated from the students – are help the Heart Foundation's life-saving research. Coronary heart disease is the UK's single biggest killer.

# New app offers choice to disabled people

**A new app is being piloted in Coventry, which gives people with a disability the choice to get assistance and plan on the go when visiting the city.**

The app, called assist-Mi, is free of charge for users who can request information about a venue.

People can download the app and connect via two way messaging to the venue they plan to visit.

**'We want visitors to the city to have a positive experience'**

The member of staff at the organisation will, at the same time, get a profile of the customer so they anticipate the service user's arrival.

The app is being piloted until January 2016.

The pilot is a partnership with Coventry City Council and Coventry Citizens Advice Bureau. Councillor Faye Abbott, Cabinet

Member for Community Development, Co-operative and Social Enterprise said: "We want visitors to the city to have a positive experience and this app is one of the practical ways we can put that commitment into action." Coventry University, the Herbert and the Council House are just a few of the venues involved.

For more information email: [bsccouncilhouse@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:bsccouncilhouse@coventry.gov.uk) or call 024 7683 1604 or email the app team on [hello@assist-mi.com](mailto:hello@assist-mi.com)



## Henley's | Themed evenings 2016

Henley College Coventry's themed evenings are open to the public and are run by our level two catering learners to help them prepare for the world of work. The menus are all designed by our learners so come and support them, bring your friends and try out different foods from around the world.

Beers Supper	17th January 2016	Indian	23rd March 2016
Mexican	3rd February 2016	Mexican	26th April 2016
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Italian/Gangster	24th February 2016	French Scottish Fusion	4th May 2016
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■ Groundforce team take a well earned rest at the newly refurbished residential home's garden at The Langleys Care Home.

## Garden makeover for care home

Residents at a city residential home have a newly refurbished garden thanks to a team of six construction apprentices.

Coventry City Council's Construction Shared Apprenticeship Scheme volunteered to transform a residential home's garden at The

**'The project was an opportunity for the apprentices to give something back to the community'**

Langleys Care Home. BAM Construct UK, the host employer for the scheme, secured funding to support the project.

A mix of carpenters, bricklayers and multi-skillers used their newly

learned skills to erect new fencing, gates, and a ramp with a hand rail plus a new decked area with planters.

Cllr Kevin Maton, Cabinet Member for Business, Enterprise and Employment, said the project was an opportunity for the apprentices to give something back to the community.

## Flying the flag with pride

On Friday 20 November, Coventry recognised Transgender Day of Remembrance for the first year.

The event, which was organised by Coventry Pride after the successful LGBT+ festival earlier in the year, remembered those who have lost their lives because of anti-transgender violence.

Speaking before the event, organiser Aimee Challenor, said

"We need to remember those who have lost their lives, be it through being murdered, suicide or because of transphobic violence. We need to continue to push for support for trans people across our society; through the media, workplaces, and schools."

The day was recognised by the trans flag being flown outside the Council House for the day, and a Remembrance Vigil held in the evening.

Coventry Pride has now formed as a charity and aims to support Coventry's LGBT community

through the Coventry Pride event, Trans Day of Remembrance, IDAHOBIT, amongst others. For more information contact, [info@coventrypride.org.uk](mailto:info@coventrypride.org.uk)



■ Organisers of Coventry Trans Day of Remembrance and local trans people hold the trans flag

## Coventry's care leavers honoured

An event hosted by Coventry City Council's Route 21 and Participation Teams, who work with young people who are in or leaving care, or who are now living independently, celebrated the achievements of the young people.

The awards ceremony included categories such as Fit for Life, Safe and Sound, Education Awards, Community Champion award and Care Leaver of the Year award.

There are dozens of young people leaving care each year in the city.

For details of how to support young people in care visit [www.coventry.gov.uk/route21](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/route21)



■ The Route 21 team

## Burhan cooks his way into finals

Henley College Coventry catering student Burhan Ahmed has won a place in the WorldSkills UK Skills Competition Finals



which will see him compete to be named the UK Champion in Professional Cookery.

Burhan, age 18 from Coventry will compete at the NEC Birmingham.

Burhan secured a place in the finals after scoring highly in the regional Catering final heats.

WorldSkills, is the largest international skills competition which takes place every two years in cities around the world.

## Home from home for college students

Hereward College, Tile Hill, will be providing respite care for 16-25 year olds from January 2016.

The college, which caters for young people with disabilities and additional needs, is making the fully accessible accommodation available to meet increased demand.

Hereward is one of the few facilities in the region to provide short care breaks for 16-25 year olds. Residents at the college also have access to additional support services.

For details contact Claire Congrave, Hereward College on 024 7646 1231 or email [bookings@hereward.ac.uk](mailto:bookings@hereward.ac.uk)

## We're an asset not a burden

Coventry Older Voices want to encourage people over 50 to make their voices heard.

Anne Lakin, Chair of Coventry Older Voices, said that too many people in her age group currently go unheard.

She said: "We reject the stereotypical view of older people, and regard ourselves as an asset to our community, not a burden. "We are determined to contribute to the society of which we are part."

The group already gets involved in issue from public transport to policing and combatting social isolation to safety in public spaces.

They work with the Council as part of efforts to make Coventry an Age Friendly City.

To find out more please visit [www.coventryoldervoices.org](http://www.coventryoldervoices.org)



## New bandstand is music to the ears of park users



**'Bandstands are common features in parks across the country but there's no such structure in the War Memorial Park'**

■ *One of the shortlisted designs for the bandstand.*

Coventry's Friends of the War Memorial Park are urging the public to back their new campaign to have a bandstand built at the park.

The Friends, who formed in 2006, recently turned to Coventry University architecture and design students to come up with blueprints for the proposed bandstand, which the public can then vote for.

Six shortlisted designs are available to view online where visitors can vote for their favourite design. The public vote will remain open until 31 January.

Gill Mills from the Friends of the War Memorial Park, said: "Bandstands are common features in parks

across the country but there's no such structure in the War Memorial Park.

"It could even be used for special occasions like weddings."

The bandstand designs are available to view online at [www.buildthebandstand.co.uk](http://www.buildthebandstand.co.uk)

The designs will also be on public display at:

- **The War Memorial Park visitor centre from Monday 4 to Saturday 9 January**
- **Central Library from Monday 11 to Sunday 17 January**
- **West Orchards shopping centre from Monday 18 to Sunday 24 January**

## Christmas lunch volunteers needed

Coventry Cyrenians are again hosting a Christmas Day lunch and are asking people to help with donations – or just to turn up and join in.

Many of the people who attend the event at the Methodist Central Hall are homeless, vulnerable or alone and isolated.

All are welcome to join. The lunch runs from 11am-3pm in previous years up to 200 people have attended.

If you want to discuss how you can be involved in the Christmas Lunch event or have any other questions, call Laura Reynolds on 024 7652 7889 or e-mail [laura.reynolds@coventrycyrenians.org](mailto:laura.reynolds@coventrycyrenians.org)

## Kickabout is a stroll in the park

Walking football is rapidly growing in popularity right here in Coventry, with almost 100 people taking part since it started 10 months ago.

Sessions are organised by Sky Blues in the Community with a regular 30+ players (both men and women) attending.

Health Manager, Hiedi Sloan, said: "Walking Football helps people over 50 to have an active lifestyle regardless of age and ability."

Walking Football takes place 10:30am-12pm on Tuesdays at The Oval in Bedworth and on Thursdays at St Finbarrs Sports and Social Club.

For more details telephone: 024 7678 6314 or email: [hiedi.sloan@ccfc.co.uk](mailto:hiedi.sloan@ccfc.co.uk)

## Spotlight on council services

Politics students from Coventry University have been taking part in a Question Time style debate in the Council House as part of a series of local democracy events.

During a debate involving university politics students', questions focused on the UK's membership of the EU, local devolution, and immigration and refugee issues.

Also, during a week of activities, Earlsdon Primary School children spent the day shadowing the Lord Mayor to find out just what is involved in being the civic leader of the city.

A sixth form debating competition was also held in the Council House when young people argued for and against a range of topics in the news including whether children should be allowed to take a holiday during school term time.

Cllr Steven Thomas, Deputy Cabinet Member for Education, said that opening up the Council House to young people was really important.

He added: "I'd really like to open up the Council House more often. It has brought a real buzz to the Council corridors. We can learn so much from them too."

The Council hopes that the week of events highlighted the challenges that local authorities face across the country in maintaining local services.

## Fountain revamp is thirsty work



Mary Maginniss, the Lord Mayor's consort, and Hearsall School pupil Ruskin Tromans, aged nine, shared a toast at the formal switch-on ceremony for Earlsdon's restored Victorian fountain.

Mary and Ruskin were joined by other residents to try a drop of water from the fountain which was originally made by the Sun Foundry in Glasgow in the 1860s.

According to local historians the fountain was located in front of St John the Baptist Church in Spon Street and has been standing on Earlsdon Avenue South since 1921. It is believed to be the only one of its kind in the UK still working.

Earlsdon Research Group and the South Earlsdon Neighbours Association, secured £9,800 in funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Coventry City Council and local councillors also gave extensive and much-valued support to help complete the restoration project.



■ *Everyone's a winner as walking football members showcase the sport at the Ricoh Arena.*



# Light shines bright

**Coventry paid tribute to the victims and survivors of the Blitz of 14 November 1940 with a human chain of peace and light.**

Hundreds of people stood shoulder to shoulder with torches held high in the shadow of the Cathedral and Ruins to mark the 75th anniversary.

*'We remember those who lost their lives and those who battled so bravely through that terrifying ordeal.'*

Survivors told their stories and choirs sang songs before the crowd fell silent in a moving tribute and a field of light shone across the Cathedral Ruins.

The Human Chain was a symbol of peace, unity and remembrance

and was inspired by Coventry's twin city of Dresden that also suffered so terribly from wartime bombing.

His Royal Highness, The Duke of Kent, joined the crowds commemorating the anniversary and paid tribute to Coventry's continuing work around the world towards peace and reconciliation.

He said: "We remember those who lost their lives and those who battled so bravely through that terrifying ordeal.

"We must learn from Coventry's suffering and make sure that it can never happen again."

The event was one of several held to mark the anniversary, which took place during the Coventry Peace Festival. There is a collection of survivors' stories, photographs and films on the Council website – visit [www.coventry.gov.uk/blitz](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/blitz)



## 'I started to run. I was frightened, we all were..'

**Joyce and Dorothy Sutton, pictured, rarely speak of the Blitz or the other bombing raids they lived through, but here they share their story.**

The Cathedral crypt seemed the perfect shelter on the night of the Blitz but just a few hours later, 12-year-old Joyce and her friends and near neighbours were being led to safety from the crypt as the brutal bombing of the Blitz turned the cathedral to rubble.

Joyce – now Joyce Sutton – sheltered every night in the crypt – having tea at home and then heading off to the mattresses beneath the Cathedral floor.

Her mum Gertrude and sister were in Hillfields and her dad Alfred was elsewhere in the city, but Joyce was spending the night like any other.

She said: "We each had a mattress in the crypt and we used to go there every evening, we didn't wait for the sirens to go. We went there because it was safe, and there were a lot of people down there.

*"My house was flattened. We lost everything. We just had what we were wearing."*

"You never had a good night's sleep, there was always noise and the shelters were pretty horrible places, they were quite smelly.

"Then that night I remember the wardens and the people who used to watch for fires came down and said we had to get out because the Cathedral was badly on fire.

"We got out and I looked back and I thought the spire was on fire it was so bright, reflecting the flames, and I panicked and started to run. I was frightened, we all were."

Joyce went to the old furniture store basement – now the Spar shop in Hay Lane next to the Council House – and spent the night in their cellar until the all clear. And then she came out to a city that had completely changed.

She said: "We had to walk home to Hillfields and we came up into Broadgate – we weren't allowed to go near the Cathedral. Most of

Broadgate had gone – there was only the bank with the pillars left."

Joyce's sister-in-law Dorothy Sutton, nee Wright, of Wyken, also remembers the night of the Blitz, when she sheltered in the beer cellar of the Hare and Hounds pub in Gulson Road as an 11-year-old.

She said: "We had been bombed out two weeks before the Blitz. We had a house in Charterhouse Road and when the sirens sounded one night we went to the shelter. When the all-clear sounded we went to go back home and a warden asked where we were going and what number we lived at and then he said 'your house has gone'.

"My house was flattened. We lost everything. We just had what we were wearing. My mum had told me off for wearing my new coat, saying it would get dirty in the shelter, but I remember thinking 'at least I have my new coat'.

Both women remember how much the city changed that night. Dorothy said: "It was a lovely old world city, with trams. I was only young, but I remember the town."

And similar to their fathers' experiences in the First World War, the two rarely speak of the Blitz or the other bombing raids they lived through, but said they wanted to share their story for the anniversary to let others know.



■ **Below:** Dorothy left and Joyce Sutton reflect on their childhood during the Blitz.

**Above:** Joyce as a school girl



# at as a city remembers



■ Above: Picture courtesy of the Coventry History Centre

Right clockwise: Crowds gather on the Cathedral steps, Blitz survivors tea dance, and the human chain of light and peace.

**Visit Santa**

COVENTRY Transport MUSEUM

Experience the true magic of Christmas with a wonderful ride on the Co-op Sleigh, now at Coventry Transport Museum!

*19th November - 23rd December*

Children £5 –  
Accompanying adult £1

Opens at 10.00am. Please arrive early to avoid disappointment.

For full details please go to [www.transport-museum.com](http://www.transport-museum.com)  
We reserve the right to close the ride early.

# Coventry's

## a great place to live

### ...and that's official!



Coventry has shot up a massive 36 places to reach the top 30 in a national survey of the best places to live in the UK.

The city has been ranked 28th out of 138 places across the UK – up from 64th in the last table in 2013.

The city beat neighbour Birmingham, which came in at 35th, as well as places such as London, Leicestershire and Sheffield.

The Quality of Life table was published by uSwitch.com, and areas were graded on 26 different factors, including employment, income, exam results, house prices, average weekly rents, crime rates, life expectancy, hours of sunshine and energy prices.

But there's lots more reasons why Coventry is getting better and better. So after another year of growth and expansion here we look at the projects which are making a difference.



■ The new Faculty of Engineering and Computing building, Coventry University. **Above top:** The new junction six bridge deck. **Opposite page:** clockwise, the Wasps at the Ricoh, Council House Square and Las Iguanas

In the two years since the last table was published, the city has seen a lot of changes.

The city centre has got even greener and more pedestrian friendly. There have been improvements around Coventry University and Council House Square has been created. There

a great new Restaurant Quarter in Broadgate, with the likes of Wagamama, Cosy Club and Las Iguanas moving to the city to give a night-time buzz.

And that's been helped by the creation of Fargo Village – a creative and cultural hub, inspired by the Camden and Brick Lane areas of London –

*'There are so many things that go towards a good quality of life and I believe Coventry is getting better and better. It's always been a wonderful city and there's nowhere I'd rather live, but now we are seeing a definite change for the better and you can feel it when you walk around the city centre'*

have been improvements to Lidice Place and Greyfriars Green and work is still going on in other areas.

Junction 6 has transformed the area around the railway station and created a great new link to the city centre – where people can now enjoy

that has created an attractive mix of businesses, shops and eateries that is proving a real attraction.

The Transport Museum has got even better, with a multi-million pound facelift and it has taken over its historic neighbour, the Old Grammar

# Exciting times and more to do

Coventry City Council's Leader, Ann Lucas believes that the city has even more to offer in the years ahead.

"There has been a lot of work over recent years to get us to where we are, but we're not stopping there. We've always said we aim to be a top 10 city and there's a lot more to come."

Coventry is bidding to become UK City of Culture in 2021, with venues such as the Herbert and the

*'These really are exciting times for the city – we're making a lot of people sit up and take notice of Coventry'*

Belgrade helping to add something extra to the city's tourism offer.

The improvements have also persuaded big names like Jaguar and LTC to announce multi-million pound investment plans that will create jobs and help the city grow.

Friargate, the new development at the city's railway station will transform that area of the city and create a new business quarter, with 37 acres of commercial, leisure, residential and hotel space - creating up to 15,000 jobs.

And the city itself will continue to see improvements, with a new look for Belgrade Square and a possible transformation of the Burges that will open up part of the River Sherbourne and breathe new life

into one of the city's most historic streets.

Cllr Lucas added: "These really are exciting times for the city – we're making a lot of people sit up and take notice of Coventry.

"We have had a fantastic couple of years and the city has continued to change and attract investment as it works towards a brighter future. I'm looking forward to the next few years and to seeing Coventry rise even further up the table."



School, and Coventry University has gone from strength to strength.

And to add to the feel-good factor, the Wasps have made the Ricoh Arena their home, drawing in large crowds and working in the local communities, and the Sky Blues have come home and are playing some great football.

Cllr Ann Lucas, Leader of Coventry City Council, said:

"I believe Coventry is getting better and better. It's always been a wonderful city and there's nowhere I'd rather live, but now we are seeing a definite change for the better and you can feel it when you walk around the city centre."



You can see the full table and more information at [www.uswitch.com](http://www.uswitch.com)

# Our budget challenge



**In 2010/11**

we generated £91m in council tax

and we received £215m from central Government towards our services



**In 2016/17**

we expect to generate £105m in council tax

but we will receive just £118m from central Government towards our services

**A cut  
of 45%  
by the  
Government**



As a Council we have some really difficult decisions to make on how we deliver services with massively reduced Government funding, and we can't do this without your help.

We want to talk to you about delivering services differently so we meet our budget and understand the things that matter to you. Look out for the Council's budget consultation coming soon.



# A season of sport and music

A new programme of entertainment has been announced which will offer Wasps rugby fans and music lovers the chance to be entertained by some of Britains most well known music artists at the Ricoh Arena...



Echo and the Bunnymen and Buzzcocks will launch a new series of music events in the Jaguar Hall at the Ricoh Arena following Wasps' Aviva Premiership match with Exeter Chiefs on Saturday, December 5.

With Echo and the Bunnymen singer Ian McCulloch and guitarist Will Sergeant still at the helm, the band has gathered a cult following as well as mainstream success.

Buzzcocks, one of the most iconic bands of the punk movement released their ninth album 'The Way' last year.

Visitors to the Offload Series can either attend the music event (in the Jaguar Hall) or pay for a joint ticket that includes the rugby at 5.30pm and the live music from 8pm.

Andy Gibb, Managing Director of the Ricoh Arena, said the venue hope to hold a number of Offload live music and rugby events each season.

Tickets priced from £25 for the live music and rugby combined, at £15 for the live music only and from £15 for Wasps v Exeter Chiefs rugby only are available from [www.ricoharena.com](http://www.ricoharena.com)

Doors open for the gig at 6.30pm.

■ Echo and the Bunnymen (top right) and Buzzcocks (top left) who will launch the Offload Series at the Ricoh Arena on December 5.



## Marianne Faithfull kicks off Ricoh 'an evening with' series

Singer, songwriter, actress and 1960s rock and pop icon Marianne Faithfull is to be the first artist to perform at the launch of a new music events programme at the Ricoh Arena.

The event will be the first of a series of shows as part of the Ricoh Arena's music series, 'An Evening With...' where will 500 guests will be treated to a sumptuous three-course dining experience followed by a very intimate show with a legendary act in the E.ON Lounge.

The first of these evenings will take place on Friday, December 11 with the captivating Marianne Faithfull at 7pm.

The 50th anniversary of the beginning of Faithfull's recording career was marked in 2014 – five decades on from a fateful 1964 party in London where she was spotted, at the age

of 17, by The Rolling Stones' manager Andrew Loog Oldham.

Just three months after the party, Faithfull found herself in the limelight as a top ten pop star with her evocative take on Jagger/Richards' 'As Tears Go By'.

She has gone on to enjoy an eventful life and produced a wide and varied catalogue of albums, and a string of favourites will be performed at the Ricoh Arena on December 11.

Andy Gibb, Ricoh Arena Managing Director, said: "World-class music has always and will continue to play a key part of the Ricoh Arena experience as we look to engage music fans of all ages and tastes.

"An Evening With...' will be a special evening for guests to attend on a regular basis and we are delighted that Marianne Faithfull is launching the series. We will

be announcing more dates, acts and events in the near future."

Tickets are on sale at [www.ricoharena.com](http://www.ricoharena.com) or by calling 024 7678 6411.

Tickets are priced at £100 and £125.



■ Marianne Faithfull who is launching the 'An Evening With...' programme at the Ricoh Arena.

# Making someone's day makes it all worthwhile

People with a few hours a week to spare are wanted to befriend older patients who otherwise might not receive any visitors throughout their stay at University Hospital in Coventry. The volunteers will also help to offer drinks, encourage patients to eat as well as offer a friendly face.

Retired butcher Den (pictured right with Peter Bradbury) from Coventry who volunteers said: "People often think of volunteering in a hospital as pushing a drinks trolley around the wards but there are lots of other ways volunteers can help patients. I had extra training to enable me to do this role but I find it extremely rewarding and knowing that I have made someone's day a little better makes it all worthwhile."

Mark Radford, Chief Nursing Officer, said: "It's important the elderly patients don't feel isolated while they are in hospital and it's fantastic that hospital volunteers can help us to make their experience less frightening by providing a friendly face."

Our volunteers have to be over 16.

If you would like to know about volunteering at UHCW please telephone our Head of Voluntary Services, Kristine Horne on 024 7696 5147 or email [kristine.horne@uhcw.nhs.uk](mailto:kristine.horne@uhcw.nhs.uk)



## Getting a taste for working life

University Hospital is running a supported internship helping young people aged 16 to 24 with learning disabilities to gain first-hand experience of the workplace.

This allows them to develop their employment skills and gain a nationally-accredited qualification.

The year-long programme is to help young people into sustainable paid employment.

Andy Hardy, Chief Executive Officer at UHCW NHS Trust, said: "As one of the largest employers in Coventry we consider it our duty

to represent the community we serve. This initiative strengthens the social responsibility we are proud to maintain."

The project is also supported by the Council and Hereward College.

Councillor Richard Brown, Deputy Cabinet Member for Business, Enterprise and Employment at Coventry City Council, said: "This new partnership aims to nurture the talent and innovation of young disabled people to unlock their potential, and to support the employer."



■ (L-R): Councillor Richard Brown, Hereward College Principal and Chief Executive Sheila Fleming, Supported Interns Amrit Devi, James Stewart, Alexander Fletcher and Leigh Palmer, and UHCW NHS Trust Chief Executive Officer Andy Hardy.

## Checks to prevent pressure ulcers

Pressure ulcers are a serious, painful and distressing problem, yet the overwhelming majority are preventable.

They are caused by lying or sitting in one position for too long without moving, or by rubbing, dragging or sliding down or across the bed.

If you or someone you care for sits or lies in the same position for an extended period of time, helpful advice includes:

- Checking regularly for signs of red skin where a pressure ulcer may start to form
- Avoiding pressure ulcers by keeping moving and changing position - ideally standing or walking
- Eating a well balanced diet and drinking plenty of fluids

For details visit [www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk](http://www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk) or talk to your GP or practice nurse.

■ Louise McKeeney, Head of Service Tissue Viability and Wound Clinics (centre) with Tissue Viability Nurses.



## A happy place to be

Mental health is gaining more media attention than ever and a series of artistic works set up in Coventry is helping to highlight the subject locally.

As part of World Mental Health Day recently a series of brand new works by British contemporary artist and curator Stuart Semple

have been installed across The Pod in Lamb Street, The Big Screen at Millennium Place and at Fargo.

Each of the exhibits, were part of a theme asking what makes artists happy in the city?

My Happy Place was the idea of an artist collective based at the Pod. To view any of the exhibitions please contact [collectivepod@outlook.com](mailto:collectivepod@outlook.com)



## Fend off a fever this winter

Winter can be miserable for people who become ill, but there are a number of things which can help prepare against the cold weather and help us all stay well this winter.

A national NHS Stay Well This Winter campaign is calling on people to protect against flu by getting the flu vaccination. One in three people in Coventry qualify for a free vaccination, including the over 65s, pregnant women, children aged two-four and in school years one and two and people with long-term health conditions. Visit [www.coventry.gov.uk/flujab](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/flujab) to see if you qualify.

It is also important to keep warm in winter – both inside and outdoors, so if possible keep homes at least 18°C (65°F) and at



the first sign of illness, seek immediate advice and help from your pharmacist. Take prescribed medicines as directed and pick up any prescription medicines before Christmas Eve.

If you do need help over the holiday period when your GP surgery or pharmacy is closed, call NHS 111 or visit [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

Visit [www.nhs.org.uk/staywell](http://www.nhs.org.uk/staywell) for more information.

## Talking therapies tackle depression

Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust's Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) service is offering a range of talking therapies for older adults with low mood, depression and anxiety related disorders.\*

Helen Stephenson, IAPT Service Lead, said the aim of the service is to make it as accessible as possible to adults of any age. She said: "We know that older people using our

service do really well as a result of the treatment they receive from us. Whilst ageing is inevitable, depression and anxiety are not."

To access the IAPT service please ring 024 7667 1090 or visit your GP. If you are an older adult and prefer not to talk on the telephone, face to face assessment appointments are available.

For further information visit [www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk/iapt](http://www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk/iapt)



■ The IAPT team

**\*Please note the IAPT service is not commissioned to work with patients diagnosed with dementia.**

## Coventry fights cruel practice



■ Cllr Ann Lucas (centre) is joined by key supporters of Coventry's ending FGM campaign

Hundreds of people attended an Ending Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) conference in Coventry.

Since January West Midlands Police have received 70 referrals for FGM and 25 of these have been from Coventry. Referral sources include UHCW midwifery, schools, GPs and parents.

Cllr Randhir Auluck, Deputy Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities, said: "I think it's fantastic that we have had so many people who are committed to tackling FGM in our city.

"Changes in national legislation such as mandatory reporting of FGM and more survivors willing to tell their story is making people

more aware.

"Only by engaging with communities affected by FGM and helping them to feel equipped and empowered to challenge the practice can we really achieve change."

Since April 2014 new rules were introduced nationally that mean all clinical staff must record in-patient healthcare records when it has been identified that a patient has had FGM.

The city has signed a pledge against FGM. A film starring local people who are committed to ending FGM has also been launched. For details visit [www.coventry.gov.uk/fgm](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/fgm)

## NHS Staff are dementia friends

With dementia affecting over 850,000 people in the UK and numbers expected to reach 1 million by 2020, Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust is enrolling staff to become 'Dementia Friends'.

This Alzheimer's Society initiative aims to challenge and transform the nation's opinion about the condition

and to create more friendly communities and organisations.

If you or someone you know may be suffering from dementia, visit your GP and ask for a referral into the specialist services of Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust. More advice can be found at [www.alzheimers.org.uk](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk) or [www.dementiafriends.org.uk](http://www.dementiafriends.org.uk)

# Your Bin Collections

Usual collection date	Christmas and New Year dates
Tuesday 22 December	Stays the same
Wednesday 23 December	Stays the same
Thursday 24 December	Stays the same
Friday 25 December	Monday 28 December
Tuesday 29 December	Stays the same
Wednesday 30 December	Stays the same
Thursday 31 December	Stays the same
Friday 1 January	Monday 4 January



Download your bin collection calendar at [www.coventry.gov.uk/bins](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/bins)



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**Don't forget, our offices and most Council buildings are closed over Christmas -**

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can contact us on  
024 7683 3333**

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*



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

# Frost filled fun this wintertime

Here are some of the things you can enjoy in and around Coventry

## War Memorial Park activities:

Meet at Education Room Visitors Centre, booking not essential. Allow 45 minutes to complete all activities. For more information contact reception 024 7678 6280.

## Coombe Country Park activities:

Meet at Visitors Centre, advance booking and payment essential on 024 7645 3720 or e-mail [coombe.countrypark@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:coombe.countrypark@coventry.gov.uk) – bookings by credit/debit cards accepted. Car parking charges still apply, unless stated otherwise.

**Every Friday – Tot Waddles,** War Memorial Park (10.30am-12noon, £3 per child). Meet the Education Team for some fun in the park. Go on a little adventure before coming inside for some arts and crafts. Dress appropriately for the weather. Suitable for two-year-olds and above. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

## DECEMBER

### 6 – Christmas Crafts:

Children's Workshop Coombe Country Park (10-11.30am or 1-2.30pm, £5 per child). Bring your little elves to have some festive fun and create some natural Christmas decorations for your home using natural materials Suitable for three-year-olds and older.

### 12 – Deck the Halls

War Memorial Park activities (10.30am-12noon, £3 per child) It's Christmas! Join the Education Team to have loads of Christmas fun making some unique decorations to take home and treasure forever. Suitable for five-year-olds and above.

### 13 – Christmas in the Park

War Memorial Park activities (2-4pm, FREE). Come along to the annual Friends of the War Memorial Park Christmas Songs in the park. Music will be provided by Coventry Festival Band. The event is sponsored by Coventry Phoenix Rotary Club. Santa will also be making a visit. The concert takes place outside so please wrap up warm.

## What's on at the Herbert



**19 January** - 12.30pm – 1.30pm  
*John Piper: A Life in Art* at the Herbert Art Gallery - see picture above - In a presentation connected to the exhibition *John Piper and the Coventry Blitz*, Dr Frances Spalding, will talk about the life of Piper and his work. Dr Spalding is an art historian, critic and biographer and Professor of Art History at Newcastle University.

**2 February** - 10.30am-12noon  
*Awaken the Arts* at the Herbert Art Gallery. A look at some carefully selected pieces from our visual arts collection with art education specialist Brian Scholes. The event is designed specifically for people experiencing difficulty with concentration or memory and their carers. Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment! To book your place please contact Stacey Bains on 024 7623 7537 or email [stacey.bains@culturecoventry.com](mailto:stacey.bains@culturecoventry.com)

**4 - 5 February, 7 - 8 April**  
*Family Event. Early Years Play Days* 10.30-11.30am and 1-2pm £2 at the Herbert Art Gallery. A chance for early years children aged up to three to play creatively in our early years space. Drop in. Please note at busy times you may be asked to wait.

**5 February – 10 April**  
*Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2015* at the Herbert Art Gallery. 13-21 February 2016 Family Event *Capturing Spring* at the Herbert Art Gallery. Inspired by some of the beautiful images from the wildlife photography exhibition, ensure you have all the tools and techniques you need to capture the onset of spring! Please check our family leaflet or our website for daily details, times and prices. Drop in. Under twos - FREE

**27 February**  
*Paintings by Gavin Jantjes* at the Herbert Art Gallery. As part of a collaboration with the Black Artists

and Modernism project, the Herbert will be displaying a selection of paintings by Gavin Jantjes taken from his *Korabra* series examining the impact of the slave trade.

### 28 February – 24 April

*New Art West Midlands 2016* at the Herbert Art Gallery. This exhibition showcases exciting new contemporary work from artists who have recently graduated from West Midlands' art schools.

### 27 February – 13 March

*1395 days without red* at the Herbert Art Gallery.

### 18 March – 19 June

*Degas Dancers* at the Herbert Art Gallery. We will be showing Edgar Degas' famous painting, *Two dancers on a stage* alongside three other works by the artist. A founding member of the Impressionist group of artists, Degas was fascinated with the ballet, painting dancers at rest, practicing and performing.

### 26 March - 10 April

*Art Masters* at the Herbert Art Gallery. Inspired by some of the artists on display in our galleries and a chance to experiment with art materials and tools. Please check our family leaflet or our website for daily details, times and prices. Drop in. Under twos - FREE

### 22 April – 3 July

*Grayson Perry: The Vanity of Small Differences* at the Herbert Art Gallery. A series of six large-scale tapestries by the Turner-Prize winning artist Grayson Perry, which explore the British fascination with taste and class.

### 30 April

*Coventry Open 2016* at the Herbert Art Gallery. The exhibition is open to West Midlands and Warwickshire artists working in any medium with a prize of £1000 for the overall winner. Entry forms are now available for the ninth Coventry Open. For details visit [www.theherbert.org](http://www.theherbert.org)

## JANUARY 2016

**23 – Big Garden Bird Watch**  
Rangers activities (10am-12noon and 2pm to 4pm, free, no booking required) Coundon Hall Park, Waste Lane, meet near play area. Come along and join the Rangers preparing for the Big Garden Bird Watch. Make a bird feeder to take home and collect your official RSPB sheet ready for the Big Watch.

### 30 – Big Birds Breakfast

Coombe Country Park (11-11.45am or 12noon -12.45pm, £3 per child) Get ready to take part in the RSPB Big Birdwatch by making your own bird feeders to take home. Suitable for three-year-olds and over.

## FEBRUARY 2016

### 16 – Berty the Bushcrafter: Shelter Building

Coombe Country Park (10am-12noon, £4 per person). Find out how to make a shelter in the woods using only natural materials from the park. Suitable for families (all children must be accompanied.)

### 16 – Berty the Bushcrafter: Fire Lighting

Coombe Country Park (1-3pm, £4 per person). Learn how to make a real fire from scratch in the woodland with the help of the team at Coombe. Suitable for families (all children must be accompanied.)

### 16 – Potty Plants

Rangers activities (1.30-3pm, Free, no booking required). Longford Park, meet near play area. Join the Rangers to decorate and sow plant pots to take home. Suitable for all.

### 17 – Watery Wildlife Workshop

Coombe Country Park (10-10.45am or 11-11.45am, £3 per child). Make a splash with some paint as you decorate a model duck and take part in other duck themed craft. Suitable for families.

### 17 – Pet Bug Rocks

Coombe Country Park (1-1.45pm or 2-2.45pm, £3 per child). Get creative and decorate your very own pet bug rock to take home. Suitable for families.

**17 – Potty Plants**

Rangers activities (1.30-3pm, Free, no booking required) Allesley Park, meet near play area. Join the Rangers to decorate and sow plant pots to take home. Suitable for all.

**18 – Chinese New Year Fun**

War Memorial Park activities (1-2.30pm, £3 per child). Come and join in the education team for an afternoon of arts and crafts. Everything you make can be taken home. Suitable for families.

**18 – Potty Plants**

Rangers activities (1.30-3pm, Free, no booking required). Caludon Castle Park, meet near play area. Join the Rangers to decorate and sow plant pots to take home. Suitable for all.

**19 – Woody Wonders**

War Memorial Park activities (1.30-3.30pm, £3 per child). Come and join in the education team for an afternoon of arts and crafts. Everything you make can be taken home. Suitable for families.

If you have an event you'd like listed, contact *Citivision*, Room 27, The Council House, Earl Street, Coventry CV1 5RR or e-mail [communications@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:communications@coventry.gov.uk)

**Folk Festival a first**

**26-28 February 2016**

The Inter-Varsity Folk Dance Festival. For details

[www.warwickfolk.co.uk/ivfdf](http://www.warwickfolk.co.uk/ivfdf).

Tickets go on sale in December.

**Cinders at the Albany**

The Albany Theatre, Coventry is preparing to open its doors to the timeless classic, Cinderella.

The traditional family pantomime is being staged from 27 December - 3 January 2016.

The new sparkling up-to-date production will appeal to the old and young at heart! Even the fairy godmother has a laptop and mobile. To log on and book your tickets visit [www.albanytheatre.co.uk](http://www.albanytheatre.co.uk) or call 024 7699 8964. Evening performances start at 7.30pm. Matinee performances start at 2.30pm (Friday 1, Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 January 2016).

Prices: adults £14, concessions £12 (child up to age 16, OAP, unemployed), family ticket £47 (2 adults, 2 children). Group discounts - only available from the Box Office.

# Backing call for countryside scheme



The Council is working with Warwickshire Wildlife Trust on a major project to improve the countryside spanning from Coombe Abbey Country Park to Cubbington.

The Princethorpe Woodlands Living Landscape includes an area along the boundary of Coventry and Warwickshire. The scheme aims to connect heritage, people and nature. It has secured funding but

needs public support too.

Chris Redstall, Project Officer, said: "We have a tremendous opportunity to secure lottery funding for local countryside and communities! This project will improve the local countryside for the benefit of people and wildlife and enable more of us to access, enjoy and value this important resource."

The project team is asking people

in the area to add their voice to the project by completing a short online questionnaire at [www.princethorpewoodlands.com](http://www.princethorpewoodlands.com)

■ Volunteers help to maintain woodland through traditional management techniques including coppicing at Ryton Wood. Photo copyright James Harris (WWT) 2015.

## Christmas at the Cathedral

During the countdown to Christmas this Advent why not join a service at the Cathedral.

**Sunday 29 November** 6.30pm

Light in our Darkness

**Sunday 8 December** 6pm

Remember our Child Christmas Service

**Saturday 12 December** 6pm

'Joy to the World – a Christmas Celebration' (St Michael's Singers)

**Saturday 19 December** 4.30pm

BBC CWR Carol Service

**Sunday 20 December** 6.30pm

Carols by Candlelight

**Wednesday 23 December** 6pm

Kerry Beaumont plays Messiaen's 'La Nativité du Seigneur'

**Thursday 24 December** 3pm

'Journey to Bethlehem'

**Thursday 24 December** 7pm

'Form of a Servant'

**Thursday 24 December** 11pm

Midnight Christmas Eucharist (at Holy Trinity)

**Friday 25 December** 10.30am

Christmas Eucharist

For details call 024 7652 1200 or visit [www.coventrycathedral.org.uk](http://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk)

## Coventry Home Library Service

Are you housebound and unable to get to the library yourself?

Coventry Libraries and Information Services, in partnership with Age UK Coventry, run a home library service that delivers books and other materials to people who are unable to visit the library themselves.

- The service is free.
- You can borrow books including large print, talking books and compact discs
- You can reserve any book free of charge
- You can borrow as many books as you like. Deliveries are once a month



[Coventry.gov.uk/libraries](http://Coventry.gov.uk/libraries)

**BABLAKE**

Cllrs Galliers and Kershaw hold regular surgeries: Last Tuesday of month from 10.30am-12noon at The Good Honest Food Company, Gardenia Drive, Allesley Village. First Saturday of month 12noon-1pm at Coronation Club, Keresley Rd.



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**BINLEY AND WILLENHALL**



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**CHEYLESHORE**

Cllrs Bailey and Noonan hold regular surgeries: Cheylesmore Community Centre 6.30-8pm on the last Wednesday of month (except Dec) or contact them directly as below



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**Cllr Hazel Noonan**  
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**Cllr Richard Brown**  
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**EARLSDON**



**Cllr Ken Taylor OBE**  
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**Cllr Allan Andrews**  
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Happy to help where I can, will visit you at home or at the Council House. Please call for appointment. Follow me on twitter @allanandrews.



**Cllr Michael Harrison (Lord Mayor)**  
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**FOLESHILL**



**Cllr Tariq Khan**  
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First and last Tuesday of month 4.30pm-6.30pm at Indian Community Centre, Cross Rd or call for an appointment.



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**HOLBROOK**



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**LONGFORD**



**Cllr Lindsay Harvard**  
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**Cllr Linda Bigham**  
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First Friday of month 3.30-4.30pm at Longford Primary Care Centre, Longford Rd, and 5.30-6.30pm at Scout Headquarters, Aldermans Green Rd. Last Friday of month 6-7pm at St Thomas' Parish Church Hall, Longford Rd.



**Cllr George Duggins**  
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Second Saturday of month 12-1pm at Bell Green Community Centre, Old Church Rd and 1.15-2pm at Royal Hotel, Old Church Rd. Second Sunday of month 11.30am-1pm at Bell Green Club, Roseberry Ave.

**LOWER STOKE**



**Cllr Catherine Mills**  
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I can visit you in your home and I am at the Empress buildings, Binley Rd on the first and third Saturday of month from 10am.



**Cllr Philip Townshend**  
1958 - 2015

**RADFORD**



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**Cllr Keiran Mulhall**  
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**ST MICHAELS**



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**Cllr Jim O'Boyle**  
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Second Saturday of month 1.15-  
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**UPPER STOKE**



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**WAINBODY**



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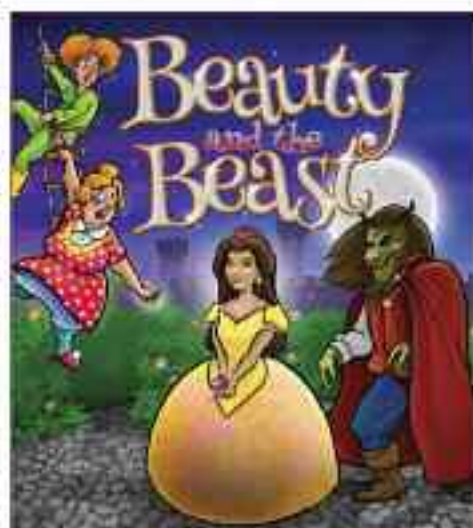
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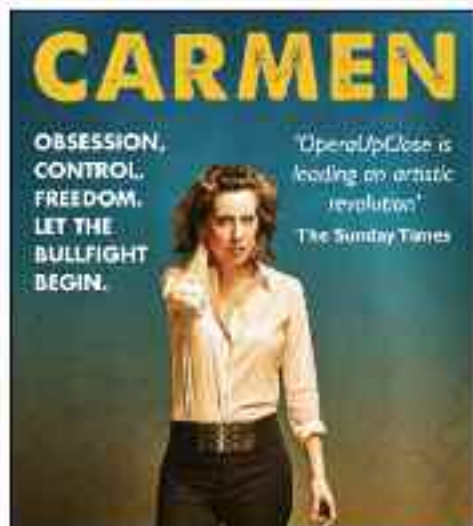
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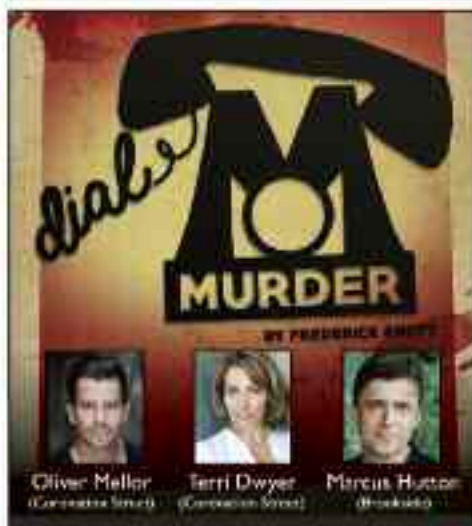
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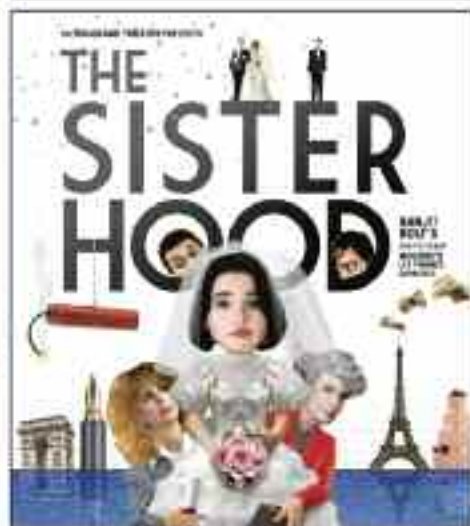
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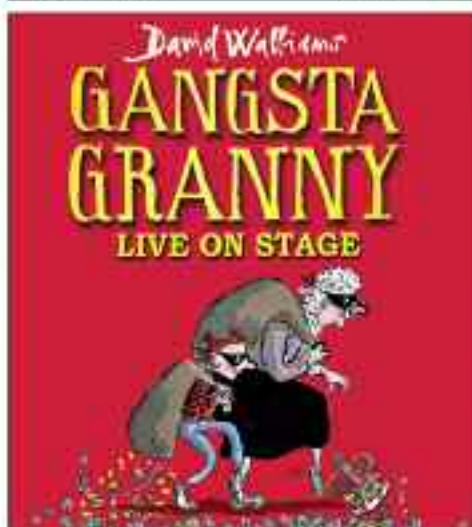
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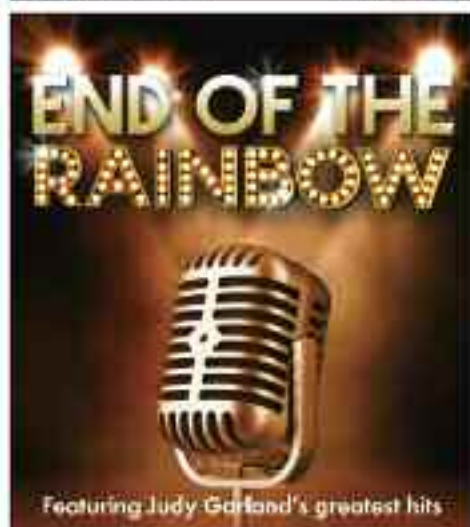
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