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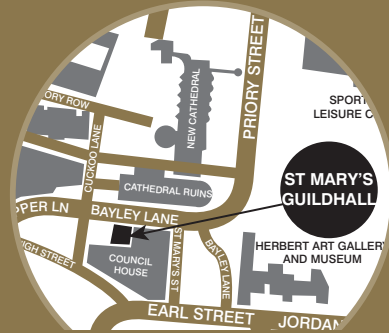
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The Government has introduced a new freephone number on 0800 328 9344 and a new website for those about to claim, already claiming and to organisations supporting claimants www.understandinguniversalcredit.gov.uk

To find out more about Universal Credit (full service) go to any of the following:

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Universal Credit (full service) is different to any previous welfare benefit.

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• A personal message from Cllr George Duggins, Leader, Coventry City Council.

All eyes on us

Being UK City of Culture in 2021 means Coventry will have to get used to taking centre stage – and we are certainly getting good practice!

Over the last few weeks you may well have been one of the 150,000 people who came into the city centre for the Motofest weekend; amongst the 35,000 to enjoy the BBC Biggest Weekend of music; a part of the 15,000 celebrating the Pride Festival; or one of the 34,000 who rocked the Ricoh with the Rolling Stones.

There is more to come, with the Godiva Festival taking place from 31 August to 2 September. The Festival seems to attract more people every year and last year, we had a record 179,000 visits, with people enjoying a range of family fun and music.

The spotlight will continue next year, with Coventry recently securing European City of Sport status in 2019 and next year we will also be joining forces with partners across the city and in Warwickshire for a Year of Health and Wellbeing for residents.

More good news is also highlighted in this issue of Citivision, with work progressing well on the city centre Waterpark, while building is about to begin on the 50m pool at the Alan Higgs Centre.

But the improvements, titles and events are only made possible through working closely with partners across the city, as it is only by acting together that we can continue to create a city we are all proud of.

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Emma Lewis with mum Sharon from The Little Vintage Cake Company - see them at Godiva Festival.

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■ Pictured: City Fibre workers

City in full fibre super league

Coventry is set to become a leader in digital transformation following news that it has been selected as one of the first communities in the UK to benefit from Gigabit-capable full fibre broadband.

Having enjoyed Gigabit City status since 2014, Coventry already boasts 180km gold standard full fibre infrastructure, which now connects more than 300 public sector sites and brings next-generation connectivity within reach of 5,600+ local businesses. This latest project, under the new Vodafone and CityFibre Fibre-to-the-Premises (FTTP) programme, will see a further £60 million private investment from CityFibre in extending this network city-wide to reach nearly every home and business.

Councillor Jim O'Boyle, Coventry City Council's Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration, said:

“An investment of this size shows great confidence in the city and having a reliable, gigabit broadband service will be another way for Coventry to attract and retain businesses. With the growing importance and reliance on digital technology, the opportunity of having the benefits of full fibre will soon be available to everyone who lives and works in our city.”

To find out more visit: cityfibre.com/coventry or follow @GigabitCov.

To register your interest in services from Vodafone, visit vodafone.co.uk/broadband/gigafast.

Boost for new communities

A project that will enable refugees, migrants and other citizens to create new work opportunities and support communities across the region has been unveiled.

The West Midlands Combined Authority-backed project MiFriendly Cities has been awarded more than €4m from

the EU's Urban Innovative Actions fund.

The aim is to achieve the maximum benefit from migration and improve migrants' and refugees' sense of belonging.

In the West Midlands, more than 100 languages are spoken daily.

Cllr Abdul Khan, Deputy Council Leader, said the city has

a proud history of recognising and celebrating cultural diversity. He added: **“I am excited that this funding will enhance opportunities to strengthen the economic and social fabric of the entire region.”**

Cllr Ed Ruane, Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities, said the initiative aimed to actively

challenge division and help build a united and prosperous region.

Plans include a £70,000 fund to support new social enterprises which will create jobs for the whole community; and a pop-up furniture factory in Coventry to train people to upcycle 500 pieces of furniture to go into 100 homes for people in need.

Finham Park Academy Trust to help train teachers

Finham Park Multi Academy Trust, which includes: Finham Park School, Lyng Hall, Finham Primary and Finham Park 2, is now part of a successful Teaching School Alliance with Warwick University, West Coventry Academy, Coundon Court and Rugby Free School.

Teaching schools are centres of excellence that work with partner schools.

They raise standards through supporting other schools, especially those in challenging circumstances, and ensure that the most talented school leaders are spotted and supported to become

successful headteachers.

The alliance highlights how Coventry schools are working together to improve access to good quality local teacher training opportunities.

There are now 800 teaching schools across England.

Top marks for university

Coventry University has retained its title of top modern university and seen even more of its courses rated as some of the best in the country in the Guardian University Guide.

The university has an overall ranking of 13th in the national tables published recently, securing its place as the highest ranked modern university in the UK for the seventh year running.

Coventry University is this year celebrating 175 years of providing education in the city, from its beginnings as Coventry School of Design in 1843 to ongoing success in teaching and learning today.

Keeping in touch

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Keeping the old with the new

The early success at the Co-operative development in Corporation Street was highlighted by Councillor Jim O'Boyle, Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration.

A topping out ceremony at EDG Property's development was a chance to show off a new glass roof that will allow natural light into the Midlands' only

development with an internal park area.

Around 25 per cent of the luxury, high-specification apartments in the building are

already sold, the first company has moved into office space and the first restaurant – Steakout – has been announced for the ground floor.



■ Pictured (left to right): Martin Yardley - Deputy Chief Executive (Place) Coventry City Council, Neil Edginton and Cllr Jim O'Boyle

Councillor O'Boyle said:
"The Co-Op closed in 2015 and everyone had fond memories of the old department store – I bought my very first flat cap and my first pair of boots for work here! There was something for everyone – but it was of its time.

"We had an offer from another developer to knock down the existing building to turn it into a high rise student block, but that just wasn't right for this particular site.

"As soon as I met Neil Edginton of EDG and chatted to him about his plans, it made absolute sense to me that this was the right option for the Co-Op building.

"It gives us a massive amount of confidence that developers are ready to invest in our city.

Neil added: *"It's a building that is already held with great affection.*

"We've deliberately made life hard for ourselves. We wanted to include elements such as the internal park to make the development extra special and we are creating the highest spec residential units in the city."

The building is set to be completed by next spring.

£4.75m support for City of Culture 2021

The Council will be able to earmark £4.75m to put towards the City of Culture activities in 2021 after it announced its end of year financial position for 2017/18.

The news was highlighted in a Council report on an overall end of year revenue underspend of £1.6m.

Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources, Cllr John Mutton, said it was important that the Council was managing its finances effectively, and preparing for more challenging times in the coming years, as well as investing in the future of the city.

He said: *"We have been absorbing cuts in national government funding, and are well aware that this will become much tougher to manage in the next few years.*

"We are confirming the Council's backing to what will be a fantastic celebration for Coventry in 2021. We hope that our support will help bring longer term benefits to the city."

New transport solution for city

An award-winning transport specialist has won a contract to work with WMG to design and construct a Very Light Rail vehicle which will be part of a new transport solution for Coventry.

Transport Design International, which is based at Clifford Chambers in Stratford-upon-Avon, has won a tender to create a state-of-the-art, lightweight, battery-operated, rail-guided vehicle which will ultimately be capable of operating without a driver.

The project, funded by the Government's Local Growth Fund through the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership (CWLEP) and the West Midlands Combined Authority Devolution Deal, is being managed by researchers

from WMG at the University of Warwick in collaboration with the Council and Transport for West Midlands.

A total of £12.2 million has been secured.

The prototype vehicle will be capable of carrying 20 seated passengers and a maximum of 70, including those standing.

Cllr Jim O'Boyle, Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration and CWLEP board director, said: *"This is a really important milestone.*

"Creating a new Very Light Rail system in Coventry will be a world-first."

James Meredith, Very Light Rail project manager at WMG, said: *"It's a great opportunity to deliver an affordable railway for Coventry."*

Running app is taking off

A Coventry man who designed an app to help improve organisation at his running club has seen his product grow to be used across the country.

Paul Curtis, a freelance designer by trade, saw an opportunity to help the 280 club members at Massey Ferguson Running Club get easier access to news, personal best records and more after joining in 2016.

He originally designed an app solely for the Coventry-based club but after it proved to be a success, other clubs came calling and it has now been made available across the country and branded the My Running Club app.

After taking his original idea to the Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce, Paul received help and support to turn it into a business via the Coventry and Warwickshire Business Support Programme.

The programme, which is funded by the European

Regional Development Fund, in partnership with Coventry City Council, Warwickshire County Council and the District and Borough Councils, helped him to alter how he marketed the app to a wider audience and has seen great results since.

Paul said:

"I put together the app just to help everyone keep on top of what was going on, stay in contact with each other and share their successes all in one place."

"Soon word spread because we had other clubs getting in touch."

"The ideas on how to push My Running Club as a business was where the Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce really helped."



■ Pictured: Margaret Bull, the Chamber of Commerce is with Paul Curtis

FREE TRIALS of the My Running Club app are available, with anyone interested encouraged to contact hello@myrunningclub.net.

For details on Business Support call the Chamber on 024 7665 4321 or log onto www.cw-chamber.co.uk



■ Pictured: Offering a helping hand at the fun run

Big Fun Run

Be a Coventry Big Fun Runner at the War Memorial Park on Sunday 9 September 11am.

Big Fun Run is a 5k untimed run strictly for FUN, all about relaxed exercise. There's no times, no pressure - just some easy moves and lots of laughs.

Big Fun Run isn't about Olympic level athletes charging about in record times, it's about mums with prams, dads with toddlers, and groups gathered together

with some fancy dress thrown in, to make a fantastic fun mix. There really is something for everyone at a Big Fun Run!

The runs are suitable for all the family where you can achieve something great together whilst accomplishing your own personal goals; whether you are raising money for a worthwhile cause close to your heart, remembering a loved one or simply keeping active.

Enter today and join in the fun at www.bigfunrun.com

Dog Jog

Bring along your four-legged friend and have a bark in the park at Coventry's Dog Jog in the War Memorial Park on Sunday 9 September 2pm!

Dog Jog is a unique 5k jogging event for you and your dog to get fit and have fun. Each event offers a relaxed, fun atmosphere with no times and no pressure, you and your pet pick the pace!

Dog Jog is a brilliant opportunity to accomplish your personal goals with your dog by your side; whether you are

raising money for a charity close to your heart or simply wish to keep fit. Plus, when you cross the finish line you'll receive a fantastic doggy bag jam-packed with goodies for both you and your four-legged friend, as well as a Dog Jog collar keyring medal!

Find out more and enter today at www.dogjog.co.uk



■ Pictured: Medal winning best friends



■ Pictured (left to right): Abbie Pittaway, Anthony Evans and Nichola Bonsor

Happy Abbie loves her motocross

A teenage motocross competitor from Coventry is looking to build on her success - with a little help from her employer.

Abbie Pittaway, 16, from Tile Hill impressed with a third place finish last September at the 2017 UK Girls' Motocross Nationals tournament on an 85cc bike – despite breaking her tibia and fibula in an accident in 2016.

Abbie, an apprentice at Coventry manufacturing company Sarginsons, has now stepped up a class and is riding her new 2018 KTM SX125 at future events.

The company, is sponsoring Abbie's sporting efforts.

She said: *"I have been racing bikes competitively since I was 12.*

"I love the adrenaline rush you get in a race, I think that is my favourite part of it all. I am always racing.

"Most of the time I am going up against more than 30 boys and it does get competitive, they don't want to lose to a girl."

Anthony Evans, Managing Director at Sarginsons, said: *"Our apprentices are extremely important to us and we are delighted to be able to support Abbie, both in a working environment and in a personal sense."*

Business support boost is ideal

A Warwickshire entrepreneur, who grew up wanting to 'design trainers for Nike', is growing his own cool design and manufacturing studio in Coventry after receiving business support.



■ Pictured: Adam Duffy (left) with Ian McFarlane-Toms, a Business Growth Adviser at the University of Warwick Science Park,

Adam Duffy, has been working in the fashion industry for 15 years, including for a range of high street brands.

He launched his business, IdealFactory, in 2016 to offer designers and artists the opportunity to have their work turned into chic fashion or furniture products – from trainers to chairs.

"It's a unique design platform," he said. "Graphic designers and artists have the opportunity to create their own products and we can turn that into a reality. We want the designs to be high-end."

The company already employs four staff from its studio at the Bilton Industrial Estate in Coventry but now has ambitions to grow significantly and create job opportunities after receiving support from the University of Warwick Science Park's Business Ready programme.

Adam added:

"The support has been brilliant."

Cathedral is top 10 heritage site

Coventry Cathedral has been listed among the top 10 heritage sites in England. The cathedral, built in 1962, was listed in the arts, architecture and sculpture category. BBC Arts Editor, Will Gompertz, said the building is a bold response

to the horrors of war. He said: *"It is a building born out of love and hope made from the rubble of hate and despair."*

The list includes the Tate Modern in London and the Angel of the North, in Gateshead.



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■ Pictured: Hereward College students, competition winners Ella, Alice and Mae, Coventry Deputy Lord Mayor Cllr Linda Bigham and campaign supporters

Campaign calls for pension equality

A national campaign is raising awareness of state pension changes which are criticised for being unfair and unjust.

Women Against State Pension Inequality WASPI has 140 campaign groups nationwide.

The campaign is speaking out for all women born in the 1950s who have had their State Pension Age (SPA) changed without sufficient notice.

Coventry and Warwickshire's local group and others are fighting for compensation and taking legal action.

Campaign organisers say that women have lost up to £45,000 per person. For details visit www.waspi.co.uk or e-mail waspicov@yahoo.com

Local meetings are held each month.

Winning ideas to tackle bad parking

Students at Hereward College are hoping that the winners of a city-wide poster competition will help get the message out to motorists to leave room for wheelchairs when they have to park on the pavement.

Many of the young people at Hereward are wheelchair users and often have to go into the road when vehicles park on the

pavement inconsiderately.

Joey Mander, a Hereward student, who also sits on the Council's Disability Panel, said: *"The competition winners have come up with great designs. Blind people, people who use wheelchairs and parents pushing buggies or anyone who wants to walk safely is affected by motorists who take too much space on the pavement."*

The competition winners are: Ella Szoklo, Hereward College; Alice Brereton, Westwood Academy; and Mae Buckton, Templars Primary School. Their designs will be used by the college and other organisations in the city.

They ask drivers to leave at least 80cm of space on the pavement when they park.

Books offer support with mental health

A special collection of books to support mental health and wellbeing in the city is available at Coventry libraries.

The collection, which has been developed on a national level by The Reading Agency, includes titles giving information on approaches such as CBT and Mindfulness as well as information about common mental health conditions such as depression and anxiety.

The collection also covers difficult feelings and experiences

such as bereavement, and includes personal stories.

All the books have been chosen by a rigorous selection process involving a number of health professionals and expert organisations. People with personal experience of mental health issues have also helped pick them.



■ Pictured (left to right): Cllr Kevin Maton, Cabinet Member for Education, Ceri Brett, Libraries Development Officer, Cllr Kamran Caan and Gail Quinton, Deputy Chief Executive at the Council

FREE eAudiobooks from city libraries

Coventry Libraries and Information Service provides free to download eBooks and eAudiobooks, and there are currently 1,500 regular users of the service.

Members of Coventry Libraries can download up to eight eBooks and eight

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To find out more, you just need to sign up for a free library card or make sure your current library card is valid. You can then get your four digit pin and download the FREE BorrowBox app.

The app is available from the App store and Google play store,

on your smartphone, or tablet.

The service allows people to search and download 3,842 eBooks and 1,204 eAudiobooks. You can also download ebooks and eAudiobooks straight to your computer. For more information and guidance, please visit www.coventry.gov.uk/ebooks

The books simply delete themselves after being read from your device.

Coventry's Central Library facilitates free 1-1 tuition on a variety of subjects provided by Coventry University students. For more information please visit www.coventry.gov.uk/gen2gen

Tyres and plastic to aid road resurfacing



■ Pictured (left to right): Neil Cowper Head of Highways, Cllr Innes and David Wykes, Business Development Manager, MacRebur

Coventry has become one of the first cities in the country to trial environmentally-friendly alternatives to resurfacing its roads.

A pilot scheme has seen a half of a residential road resurfaced using material containing two different types of plastic pellets, made from materials that would otherwise have gone in to landfill or been incinerated.

The pellets are used as a binding agent, replacing much of the bitumen which is a fossil fuel, to help reduce the carbon footprint of the process.

One quarter of the road will be resurfaced using rubber 'crumbs' that have come from old vehicle tyres, while the remaining quarter will be resurfaced using traditional asphalt.

Montalt Road in Cheylesmore is the focus of the trial, which will be monitored to see if the pioneering alternatives are as hard-wearing and effective as the traditional materials.

Councillor Jayne Innes, Coventry City Council's Cabinet Member for City Services, said the trial could be rolled out to busier roads if it proves to be successful.

Cllr Innes said: **"If the trial is a success, it is potentially a win-win situation that turns rubbish into something useful once more and gives our roads a hardwearing and more eco-friendly surface."**

New look community hall

St. Chad's Church Hall, Wood End has had a major makeover.

The hall, which is available to hire, includes newly refurbished toilets and contemporary lighting.

Most of the materials, including the lighting and flooring, are sympathetic to people who suffer with restricted sound and vision, and the flooring is especially sympathetic to dementia sufferers and autistic children.

Church Wardens, Lorraine and Lyndsey said:

"Following a 12 month fundraising campaign our community hall is now an attractive and modern venue for all ages to enjoy."

St. Chad's Hall is now a community space for use by residents, families and friends, local businesses and St Chad's Church.

For more information email: woodendstchads@gmail.com

Steps to improve air quality in city

Coventry is one of 28 towns and cities within the UK where NO₂ levels are forecast to exceed legal limits by 2020.

A number of locations are about to start consulting on the potential introduction of charging Clean Air Zones (CAZ) within their communities.

Southampton, Leeds and Birmingham are all considering the introduction of a charging CAZ, and will be consulting on their proposals. Councillors in Coventry have already said that they want to identify measures to tackle air quality and avoid having to introduce a charging CAZ.

The Council is actively working with the Government's Joint Air Quality Unit to develop a Local Air Quality Action Plan for the city.

A significant amount of air quality and traffic monitoring has been taking place across the city. The Council recognises the impact of poor air quality upon public health and wellbeing, and is committed to taking the appropriate action to improve air quality in the city.

Part of this work will aim to reduce car usage, especially for local journeys within the city.

Order to tackle irresponsible dog owners working well

A Public Space Protection Order that aims to curb the behaviour of irresponsible dog owners in Coventry is working well – and it is likely to be renewed for a further three years.

People have been having their say on a proposed renewal of the order.

The order was introduced in 2015 following ongoing concerns from residents who often witnessed, first-hand, the effects of dog fouling in parks, green spaces and other residential areas.

A consultation in 2014 found that eight out of 10 people

believed that dogs should be kept on leads in certain locations and that enforcement officers should be empowered to insist that an owner places their dog on a lead when they are permitting their dog to be a nuisance.

Since the order has been in place 13 owners have been cautioned for not having their dog on a lead.

Cllr Abdul Khan, Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities, said: **"The evidence is encouraging and it appears the order is benefiting the vast majority of responsible dog owners and residents."**

Seven bus lanes to go

Bus lanes that were suspended as part of a trial in Coventry will be removed permanently.

The decision is to reduce congestion and emissions and will allow traffic flow to move more steadily.

A trial removal of bus lanes has been operating since last year.

Monitoring of the suspended bus lanes found that after the removal of lanes there was no difference in bus journey times.

Cllr Innes, Cabinet Member for City Services, said: **"Buses can now be given priority in different ways through smart traffic signals. This gives buses priority at traffic lights."**

Bus lanes are now permanently removed on parts of Ansty Road, Binley Road, Holbrook Lane, London Road, Longford Road, Foleshill Road and Tile Hill Gyratory.

More details can be found at www.coventry.gov.uk/buslanes



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Coventry's Godiva Festival has confirmed four new artists for its 2018 lineup; Jonas Blue, Professor Green, Blood Red Shoes and Little Comets.

Rapper, singer and songwriter Professor Green (pictured) is from Hackney in London and is best known for his single "Read All About It" with Emeli Sandé, which reached number one in the UK singles chart in 2011, and "Just Be Good To Green" with Lily Allen, which also peaked at number 5.

All of the artists will be appearing on Saturday's Main

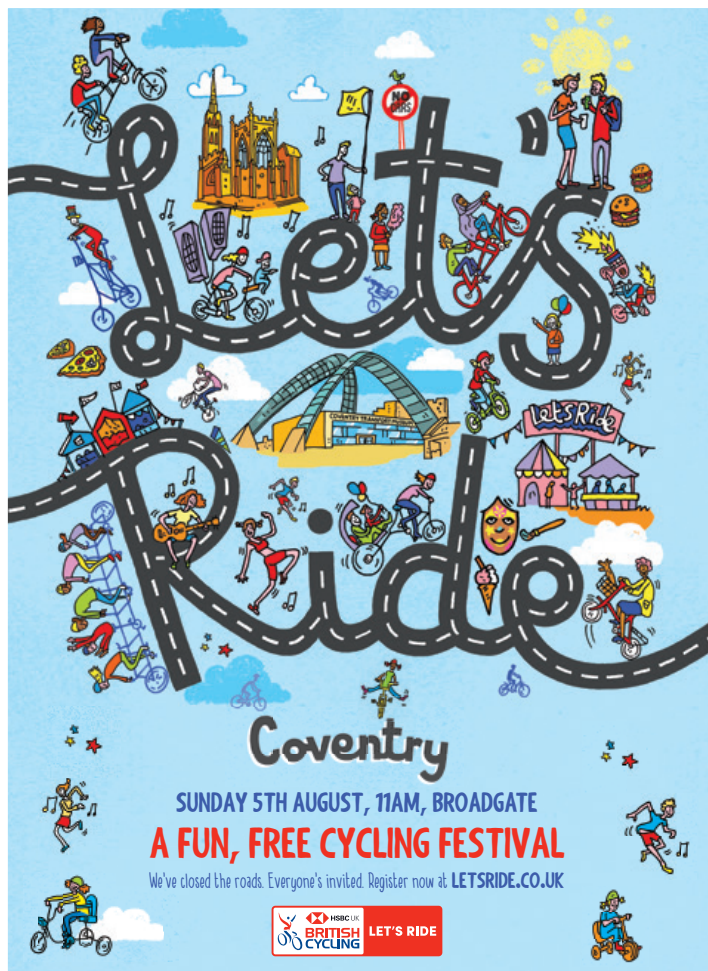
Stage, alongside R&B singer Gabrielle, who was announced last month.

Councillor Abdul Khan, Cabinet Member for Events at the Council, said:

"We'll be making more announcements for the free festival, including Friday and Saturday's headline acts, as we get nearer to the event."

Coventry Godiva Festival, is the UK's biggest FREE family music festival and celebrates its 20th anniversary this year, in the city's

**War Memorial Park from
31 August – 2 September.**



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Getting on your bike for 'Let's Ride'

Coventry is hosting a **FREE** street festival with a difference where people can see the city from the saddle, including a ride through the Cathedral Ruins on a traffic-free circuit.

HSBC UK Let's Ride Coventry is on Sunday 5 August from 11am to 3pm in Broadgate. There are lots of free activities for all the family in Broadgate and Millennium Place and the route also includes the Ring Road.

To get involved, participants don't have to cycle the 6km distance – you can do just as much or as little as you want.

Find out more at
www.letsride.co.uk/events/coventry

Cyclists don't have to be experienced – as it's traffic free and there's a 1km option too. Bikes are available to hire on the day.

There are lots of opportunities to get cycling with British Cycling and HSBC UK this summer from guided rides, to pop-up events in parks and the big Let's Ride Coventry event.

Fun and fitness for cyclists

Let's Ride pop-up events are taking place in Coventry throughout the summer – and they're a great way of getting some practice in before and after the big ride! Whether you want to ride for fun or fitness, these free events give you the chance to ride a one mile traffic-free circuit as many times as you want, at a pace that suits you. Find out more www.letsride.co.uk From 10am -12pm at **Longford Park**, Windmill Road, **12 August, 26 August, 9 September, 14 October**

Discover toys, games and fun at the Herbert

A new interactive exhibition that uncovers how people have played for the last 2,000 years is open throughout the summer at the Herbert.

From marbles to Meccano and dolls to dressing up, the exhibition called **Play** is packed with objects and interactives for all age groups.

Visitors can also join **Rare:** From 8-bit to Xbox One where people can journey through three decades of iconic games such as Battletoads, Banjo-Kazooie, GoldenEye and Viva Piñata; then set sail on the Sea of Thieves and explore how Rare's latest release was made.



The exhibition has been developed in partnership with Rare. © Microsoft 2018. Microsoft, Rare, the Rare logo and Sea of Thieves are trademarks of the Microsoft group of companies.

Ticket to Ride

21 July-28 Oct

Explore the history of buses and the role they play in our society.

From our daily commute to longer excursions, drivers and passengers, vintage and futuristic, explore star items from the collections and discover all things that have helped us all get on the buses.

Ticket to Ride will trace the changing nature of buses through the collaboration with enthusiasts, universities, vintage bus operators and the modern bus industry.

For more information visit www.transport-museum.com

Both exhibitions are **FREE** and on until **23 September**.



■ Pictured: Geoff Thompson and Tom Clarke with Hamish Glen, Artistic Director at Belgrade Theatre

We'll Live and Die in these Towns

Belgrade Theatre **29 September-20 October**

Coventry music star **Tom Clarke** makes his first foray into theatre this September, with a new musical drama opening at the **Belgrade Theatre**. Taking **The Enemy's** number one debut album as its soundtrack, **We'll Live & Die in These Towns** sees the band's former frontman step up as musical director.

Penned by Coventry playwright **Geoff Thompson**, the play follows a young musician named Argy who suffers a crisis of confidence just hours before a major homecoming gig that could make or break his career. Argy's worked his whole life to earn his big break, but now it's here, will he be able to seize the moment?

For tickets call the box office on **024 7655 3055** or visit www.belgrade.co.uk

Five year milestone for trampoline club

Central Galaxy Coventry Trampoline Club is celebrating five years of offering high quality trampoline, double-mini trampoline and gymnastics to 180 young people in Coventry.

The club often enjoys competitive success at both national and regional events. This year has seen many members compete - 15 nationally (already gaining six medals) and 40 regionally.

As well as competitive training, the club offers recreational lessons for ages one and over. This includes pre-school, disability and adult lessons.



One of its star pupils Will, 12, said;

"I love training. Everyone is supportive. I've learnt so much since I joined two years ago – I've even won four national gold medals!"

For details email: staceycoventrytc@gmail.com



New faces helping shape culture plans for 2021

Spring was a very exciting period for the City of Culture Team as the senior leadership team grew with two key appointments. Elsewhere, as the countdown continues to 2021 and Coventry's year of UK City of Culture, we find out how things are shaping up in the city.



Image credit: Richard Nelmes

Delivering an unforgettable year

Chenine Bhatena has promised to deliver “an unforgettable year” to Coventry after being appointed as the Creative Director for UK City of Culture 2021.

Chenine, who was the Creative Programmer for London 2012, has landed the role with the Coventry City of Culture Trust after a competitive three-month process.

And Chenine, who joins from the Greater London Authority, believes being UK City of Culture means Coventry can highlight and develop its role as a global leader.

“I am inspired by the landscape of the city centre. From the Ring Road, public squares and rooftops, through to canals, parks and stadiums – the city will be our stage and we will create a programme that not only takes culture to the people of the city but will be designed and curated by, and with, local communities.”

“It’s a truly special time to be in Coventry and it will be an unforgettable year.”

Martin Sutherland, the Chief Executive of Northamptonshire Arts Management Trust – which manages the award-winning Royal & Derngate Theatres, Errol Flynn Filmhouse and The Core at Corby Cube - has joined the Coventry City of Culture Trust as the Executive Director and Chief Executive.



Image credit: Richard Nelmes

Award winners

The Coventry UK City of Culture Team have picked up a string of awards, including.

★ **THE EMCEES ARTS & CULTURE AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN FUNDRAISING 2018**

BEST SUPPORTER/MEMBERSHIP SCHEME:
Coventry City of Culture Trust

★ **COVENTRY & WARWICKSHIRE FIRST FIRSTPRO AWARDS**

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT 2018:
Coventry City of Culture Trust

COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN OF THE YEAR 2018:
Coventry City of Culture Trust,
Advent Communications and Jade Studios

★ **WOMAN WHO AWARDS**

INSPIRING AND OUTSTANDING LEADER CATEGORY:
Laura McMillan, Coventry City of Culture Trust

WOMAN WHO... ACHIEVES WOMEN WORKING TOGETHER:
Laura McMillan, Coventry City of Culture Trust, Trish Willetts, Coventry BID, Carole Donnelly, Coventry Priory CIC



Image credit: Andrew Moore

Shop Front Festival

Coventry's Theatre Absolute recently hosted the nations first ever Shop Front Festival. With over 60 individual events and happenings across 38 sites the festival was a great success.

City centre footfall increased by 20,000 visits from the previous

weekend and 5.4% above national average. Both the paid and free ticketed performances achieved capacity audiences.

Reflecting on the festival, **Laura McMillan, Director of Operations and Legacy at Coventry City of Culture Trust**, said:

“There is a national conversation taking place on how we drive more people to our city centres and the Shop Front Festival has shown what can be done.

“The event mixed performances and pieces from nationally renowned artists and local artists, but also offered a range of fun activities for families.

“It should, therefore, be a great example of what is to come from City of Culture. As someone commented on the day: ‘if this is what 2021 is going to be like, I can’t wait!’”



Public Meetings

A series of public meetings, explaining plans ahead of UK City of Culture 2021, have been proving very popular.

Community groups, organisations and individuals who would like to attend future meetings, or venues which

could host them should get in touch with the City of Culture team. If there is enough interest the team will put further meetings on.

Email: info@coventry2021.co.uk or call **024 7699 8221** to register your interest.

Walls of the Roses

Coventry's links to the Wars of the Roses are finally being celebrated - in a blooming wonderful way.

Two opposite walls in Priory Gardens are to be adorned by white and red roses, to signify the two sides in the wars that took place over 30 years during the 15th century.

Few people realise that Coventry was the site of the English Parliament on two occasions in history – in 1404

and again in 1459. The latter date was a key time during the Wars of the Roses, when the House of Lancaster and the House of York fought to take control of the throne.

Carole Donnelly and Paul Curtis of Coventry's Priory Visitor Centre came up with the idea of the Walls of the Roses to commemorate the city's links to one of England's most significant periods in history.



Meet me in the Ruins

Coventry Cathedral from 6-8 September

By **Ola Animashawun, Marcia Layne, Alan Pollock, Paven Virk and Nick Walker**

Four couples meet to share moments of love, strife, heartache and hope in the great welcoming hulk of Coventry's Cathedral Ruins.

Four short plays – and the story of a hundred years...

An open-air performance with song, for all those who have ever

felt drawn to the magical space beneath the spire:

Meeting spot: Sanctuary. Lunch place. And stage...

Tickets available from The Belgrade Theatre **024 7655 3055**, www.belgrade.co.uk or from the box office.



■ Alex Cotton (centre) with Police colleagues

Queen's Birthday Honours for NHS staff

Staff at Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust have been awarded an honour in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

Dr Ashok Roy, Consultant Psychiatrist, who specialises in services for people with a learning disability, received an OBE. Alex Cotton, Senior Police Triage Practitioner, and Carol Peckham, General Manager for Integrated Community Services (ICS), were awarded MBEs.

Alex is also the influential driver in the mental health campaign 'It takes balls to talk' which is aimed at helping men deal with health issues. Marie Tait, a Health Care Assistant with more than 40 years' service to the NHS, receives a British Empire Medal (BEM).

Baby Friendly award winners

Health Visitors from Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust, in partnership with Coventry Breastfeeding Team and MAMTA, have been awarded the prestigious Baby Friendly Award and are the latest UK health care facility to win international recognition from Unicef (United Nation's Children's Fund).

The Baby Friendly Initiative was set up by Unicef and the World Health Organisation. In the UK, the initiative works with health services to protect, promote, and support breastfeeding and to strengthen mother-baby and family relationships.

For further information about infant feeding, call **07904 984620** or email **BreastfeedingSupport@coventry.gov.uk**



■ L-R Pat Kerley, Rebecca Hill and Jane Hill

70 years of nursing

Three generations of one family proudly celebrate 71 years of nursing between them in this 70th year of the NHS.

Pat, Jane and Rebecca are a great example of how a career in nursing can be inspirational through the generations.

Jane Hill is Associate Director of Operations at Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust. She has been in nursing for 30 years.

Pat Kerley is Jane's mum and Rebecca's grandma. She had a nursing career lasting 36 years. Pat's last role was as a Community Nursing Sister in Coventry.

Rebecca, is a Staff Nurse on a Gerontology Ward at University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust.

To find out more about a nursing career with the Trust, visit www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk/work-for-us



■ Pictured: Tariro Gumbo, Volunteer Services Manager at the Trust

Volunteering in mental health awareness

Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust has been successful in securing funds to train more volunteers to become Mental Health First Aid Instructors.

There are currently 1,800 Mental Health First Aid Instructors across the region. The training will teach the volunteers to listen, reassure and respond, even in a crisis - and potentially stop a crisis from happening.

The training will be delivered by Mental Health First Aid England. For more information contact volunteer@covwarkpt.nhs.uk



■ Pictured: Council leader Cllr George Duggins, with Cllr Caan and health experts

Have you got a healthy heart?

A new healthy lifestyle service is encouraging people to find out how young their heart really is.

Healthy Lifestyle Coventry brings together services to help people to stop smoking, be more active, maintain a healthy weight, and cut down on alcohol - alongside free NHS Health Checks for people aged 40-74.

Making lifestyle changes can have a big impact on our health and happiness. Adults can get free support through the service.

Cllr Kamran Caan, Cabinet Member for Public Health and Sport, said:

"We all need to take the right steps to maintain our health and wellbeing whatever age we are."

Karen Wagstaff, Service Manager at Healthy Lifestyles Coventry, said:

"People's lifestyle choices affect their heart health and unhealthy choices can lead to serious conditions like heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and cancer."

The new integrated Healthy Lifestyles Service encourages and supports people to take control of, and improve, their health and wellbeing.

People can either refer themselves or be referred by a health care professional.

A range of GP practices and pharmacists across the city will also continue to offer stop smoking support and NHS Health Checks to patients.

For details visit www.hlsc Coventry.org or call FREE on **0800 122 3780**.



Carers' Information and Wellbeing Event

Carers Week took place in June with a call for all of us to think about the invaluable role 6.5 million carers make in the UK.

As part of the week, Coventry City Council held a Carers' Information and Wellbeing event to tell people about all the support on offer in the city.

Cllr Faye Abbott, Cabinet Member for Adult Services, said:

"Carers Week was all about ensuring that the carers of Coventry are getting the chance to look after their own health and keeping connected with the things that are important to them, whether that's friends and family or the local community."

■ Pictured: Cllr Faye Abbott and Gabrielle Borro, Joint Carers and Engagement Lead

Domestic abuse strategy unveiled



■ Pictured: Cllr Akhtar (left), other senior councillors and officers from partner agencies, highlighting that domestic abuse is everybody's business

Partners from across Coventry have launched the Coventry Domestic Abuse Strategy 2018-2023 to tackle domestic abuse in the city.

The strategy will address domestic abuse, including honour-based violence and forced marriage.

Domestic abuse can affect anyone, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity or sexual orientation, although women and children carry the greatest burden.

The rate of domestic abuse is higher in Coventry than the national average. Between April 2016 and July 2017 there were more than 2,700 domestic abuse incidents recorded by West Midlands Police in Coventry.

Cllr Pervez Akhtar, Deputy Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities, said:

"Domestic abuse in all its forms is an issue which needs our attention – we all have to play a part in tackling not just the crimes themselves, but the root causes."

Young people and adults with care and support needs also contributed to developing the strategy.

The strategy will aim to provide services tailored to local need, and remove barriers to service access.

For further information about how to access domestic abuse services in Coventry please visit www.safetotalk.org.uk and www.coventryhaven.co.uk



■ Pictured: Alison Gingell

Health building renamed after late councillor

The late city councillor Alison Gingell who was at the forefront of health and social care in the region for more than 40 years has inspired Coventry University to name its Science and Health Building in her honour.

Cllr Gingell served as the Council's Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Services and represented Sherbourne ward in the city from 2012.

The health building was renamed the Alison Gingell Building at a ceremony in June.

Council Leader George Duggins, said: *"This is a wonderful way to remember Alison. She was a respected member of Coventry City Council."*

Alison was also Chair of the Coventry Primary Care Trust from 2002-2012.

Drug and alcohol support service

National health and social care charity Change Grow Live (CGL), together with the Council has launched its new drug and alcohol support service for adults.

Since being commissioned by the Council's Public Health Team, CGL has refurbished a new hub to deliver free and confidential support for families and carers affected by someone using drugs or alcohol. For free and confidential help, call 024 7601 0241 or visiting www.changegrowlive.org



Coventry and Warwickshire

Skills 4 Growth

Coventry and Warwickshire Skills 4 Growth will support eligible Small to Medium Sized Enterprises to improve skills amongst their workforce.

To be eligible for support you must be a **Small to Medium Sized Enterprise** based in **Coventry and Warwickshire** working within the Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Sector or Service Sector Industries, including Health and Social Care.

Coventry and Warwickshire Skills 4 Growth can help you to:

- Close the skills gaps in your business with training that leads to accredited qualifications.
- Ensure that your staff have the right skills for your business with a range of accredited courses.
- Support staff with Basic English language skills relevant to your business.

Working with you we will:

- Identify skills gaps and provide training to help your business grow.
- Develop a skills training package that suits you and your employees.
- Fund 50% of agreed eligible training costs.

Contact: Anne-Marie Tranter

Telephone: 024 7771 9782

Email: anne-marie.tranter@coventry.gov.uk



Coventry & Warwickshire Skills 4 Growth is partly funded by the European Social Fund

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Vegetables and peelings



Fish and bones



Bread, cakes and pastries



Tea and coffee grounds



www.coventry.gov.uk/brownbin





Employment hub for people with disabilities

A new Employment Hub has been launched to help young people with disabilities gain employment in Coventry and Warwickshire.

Representatives from around 60 businesses, schools and local authorities (pictured above) attended the launch event to hear more about its work with

employers to bridge the disability employment gap.

The Employment Hub at Hereward College will help young people to source work placements, skills training, support in the workplace, money management advice and training, benefit advice and travel training.

It will also support employers with disability awareness training, analysing and adapting job roles and promoting good employment practice.

Paul Cook, Principal at Hereward College, said the Employment Hub had been set-up to help secure permanent jobs for its learners.



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■ Pictured: Bill Pale, grounds maintenance worker

Cleaner streets campaign

A new scheme to tidy up neighbourhoods and help residents be proud of their street has been launched in the city.

The 'Cov Clean Streets' campaign is targeting different areas across the city, giving them an intensive street clean, removing litter and dealing with 'contaminated' waste – where the wrong items have been placed in a bin.

It then relies on residents to help keep the street clean and tidy, by putting the right things in the right bins, not leaving extra waste on the pavements and storing bins properly. Once tidied, the area will be monitored by Council enforcement officers in order to prevent fly-tipping and littering. Humber Avenue, Orwell Road, Welland Road, Severn Road, Terry Road and St George's Road were recently visited.

Every household received a letter reminding them what they can put in each of their three bins.

Councillor Jayne Innes, Cabinet Member for City Services, said: **"Cov Clean Streets is about transforming an area for the people who live there."**

"This is achieved by giving people who struggle or are unsure about what to put in what bin the support they need to get it right, while targeting any issue that has built-up such as fly-tipping."

Cov Clean Streets will target one site in the city every month. If you need help with advice on bin collections or reporting litter or fly-tipping problems, visit www.coventry.gov.uk/litter or call **08085 834 333**.

Spark in the Park

Spark in the Park celebrates its 10th anniversary when it returns to the Memorial Park this summer. The three-day, free-of-charge family festival runs from 6 – 8 August (1.30-4.30pm). Aimed at primary aged children and their families Spark offers giant inflatables, art and craft activities, sports, games and face painting.

Scheme to uncover the River Sherbourne

A £3.8m scheme to transform one of the most historic areas of the city centre is set to move a step closer.

The latest stage of an improvement scheme for the Burges will see it transformed in the same style as Far Gosford Street.

Three years ago, the Council approved an extension to the Lady Herbert's Garden Conservation Area that gave protection to properties in an area of the

Burges, Hales Street and Palmer Lane.

The Council and its heritage Historic Coventry Trust were then invited to submit an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for funding to improve the area.

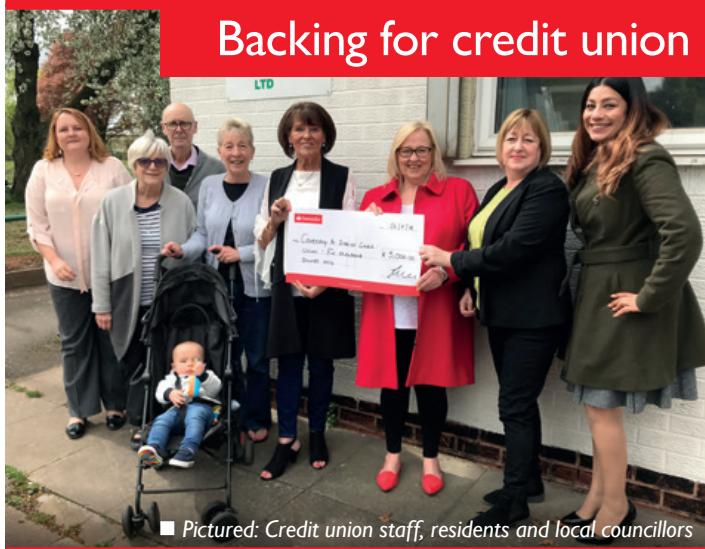
A £200,000 project was carried out from February 2016 to June last year to develop the scheme and take it to the next level.

Now an application for Stage Two funding has been submitted.

If successful it will lead to Lottery funding of £1.8m, which will help towards a £3.8m plus scheme to transform the area.

The Lottery funding would be joined by £225,000 from the Historic England partnership Scheme, Council funding and private investment to repair properties, restore old architecture, improve the areas around the exposed part of the River Sherbourne and attract development to fill derelict land.

Backing for credit union



■ Pictured: Credit union staff, residents and local councillors

Coventry and District Credit Union have been awarded £5000 to increase their presence in Holbrooks.

Credit Unions are rapidly growing across the country as they encourage people to get into the habit of saving.

Credit Unions are not for profit financial co-operatives providing a range of financial services to members. They are managed and controlled by their members and are covered by the financial services compensation scheme.

The unions aim to steer people from relying on pay day loans.

The unions have a wide range of members. But for them to grow more members are needed.

There are two credit unions in Coventry.

The Coventry and District Credit Union offers a range of banking services and is based at Head Office at Holbrooks Community Care Association. For details e-mail coveastcu@googlemail.com

You can also visit the new central credit union website at www.newcentralcu.co.uk or www.facebook.com/newcentralcreditunionltd/

Thrill-ride slides making a splash

■ Pictured: Cllr Caan watches the new slides being put into place



Coventry's new £36.7m city centre waterpark has taken delivery of a series of thrill-ride slides.

"The structure is up to full height now. The waterpark will be the very best in the region – offering thrill seekers and younger children and families a fun-filled few hours. And it will be open during our year as City of Sport – giving us two reasons to celebrate," explained Cllr Kamran Caan, Cabinet Member for Public Health and Sport.

The new slides, include the 'Navigator' - a waterpark version of a roller coaster which has both uphill and downhill drops in a tube. There's also a 'Speed Slide', with a thrilling drop of 20 metres, and a whirlpool style ride featuring a plunge pool.

Alongside the waterpark there will also be a 25metre swimming pool, gym, squash courts, dance studio and day spa.

Work starts on 50m pool

Construction work is underway on Coventry's new 50m swimming pool at the Alan Higgs Centre.

The eight lane pool will have a movable floor, making it ideal for both swimming lessons and sporting events.

A total of 520 spectator seats will be built in for events alongside a number of new leisure facilities including a health suite, a 120 station fitness suite and the refurbishment and extension of the centre's existing conferencing facilities.

It's expected that the pool will be open to the public in summer 2019.

Cllr Kamran Caan, the Council's Cabinet Member for Public Health and Sport, said:

"The new pool will complement other city sport hubs and pools at Centre AT7 and Xcel Leisure Centre.

"It's set to open during our year as European City of Sport, so we'll have even more reason to celebrate this fantastic venue."



■ Pictured: Cllr Caan with staff from Galliford Try

Arts festival marks third year

Now in its third year, Kenilworth Arts Festival will be staged from September 20 – 29.

The festival will feature award-winning, internationally-acclaimed writers and musicians, as well as emerging artists from around the country.

Headliners include American singer-songwriter S. Carey,

MOBO Award winning pianist Zoe Rahman, BBC Radio 2 Folk Award winners Josienne Clarke & Ben Walker, and food writer and Great British Bake Off finalist Ruby Tandoh. For details visit www.kenilworthartsfestival.co.uk

Stationery for every occasion

Cheylesmore Manor House, part of the Register Office in Coventry is launching a new bespoke stationery range to suit any occasion.

Each item is personalised, proofed and printed to a high

quality. The range includes save the date cards, invitations, thank you and verse cards, order of ceremony, commemorative certificates and personalised natural biodegradable confetti.

You can view all of our designs on social media or at www.coventry.gov.uk/ceremonystationery

Parks are all set for summer

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

COOMBE COUNTRY PARK activities:

Meeting point for all events at the Information Desk/ Shop in the Visitor Centre five minutes before session begins. All bookings are taken online at www.coventry.gov.uk/coombeevents Please note that car parking charges apply. All children need to be accompanied by an adult.

WAR MEMORIAL PARK activities:

Meet at Education Room Visitor Centre. For more information contact **024 7678 6280**

Tot Waddles

every Friday except 31 August
10.30am-12 noon
£3.80 per child.
Come and 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 to four-year-olds. (Younger siblings can accompany brothers and sisters but be aware that activities are aimed at two years and above.) Children must be accompanied by an adult.

PARK RANGERS' activities:

Every third Wednesday in the calendar month
10.30am-3pm.
FREE, Various locations

Good fresh air and healthy exercise! Join the Park Service Rangers and help look after and develop Coventry's green spaces. Bring your own lunch if staying all day. All volunteers must register in advance. For further information contact **Simon tel: 07831 582854.** Email: simon.holloway@coventry.gov.uk Suitable for adults and accompanied teenagers.

JULY

26 | Buzzy Bees
WAR MEMORIAL PARK
1.30pm-3pm
£3.80 booking not essential.
Come and have a buzzy time making some bee arts and crafts to take home with you. Suitable for families.

27 | Stomping Dinos
WAR MEMORIAL PARK
1.30pm-3pm
£3.80 booking not essential.
Have a roar-some time making some dinosaur crafts with the Education Team that you can take home with you. Suitable for families.

30 July to 20 August Butterfly and Bug Trails
COOMBE COUNTRY PARK
10am-3pm
£2 per trail sheet, booking not essential
Summer is here and the butterflies and bugs have got in a muddle with their spelling. Can you find all the letters and work out the word that will help them get their lunch? This is a self-led trail around the park. Pick up the leaflet from the Information Centre to solve the puzzle. A small prize is available for those who manage to unscramble the word. Suitable for families. Please leave at least one hour to do the trail. The information centre closes at 4pm.

31 | Meadow Mayhem
COOMBE COUNTRY PARK
10.30am-12noon
£4 per child, booking essential
See what animals we can find within our wildflower meadow and then come back to the classroom to create some insect themed arts and crafts to take home to remember your day. Suitable for three years and above.

31 | Hopping Mad
COOMBE COUNTRY PARK
1pm-1.45pm or 2pm-2.45pm,
£4 per child, booking essential
Come along and create your very own crafted frogs to take home. Suitable for three years and above.

31 | Fresh Air Fun
RANGERS' ACTIVITIES
LONGFORD PARK,
meet near play area.
1.30pm-3pm
FREE, no booking required.

Join in outdoor fun with the Rangers, including games and craft activities. These events are open access, under eights must be supervised and over eights must have a parental permission slip (available from the Rangers on the day). Rangers are not responsible for young people leaving the event. Suitable for families with children 12 years plus.

AUGUST

1 | Den Building
COOMBE COUNTRY PARK
10am-12 noon
£4 per child, booking essential
Find out how to make a shelter in the woods using only natural materials found within the park. Suitable for three years and above.

1 | Fire Lighting
COOMBE COUNTRY PARK
1pm-2.30pm
£4 per child, booking essential
Learn how to make a real fire from scratch in the woodland with the help of the team at Coombe. Includes marshmallow toasting. Suitable for three years and above.

1 | Fresh Air Fun
RANGERS' ACTIVITIES
ALLESLEY PARK,
meet near play area.
1.30pm-3pm
FREE, no booking required
For more information please see 31 July description.

2 | Terrific Teddy Trail
WAR MEMORIAL PARK
1.30pm-3pm
£3.80, booking not essential.
Have a go at our annual Terrific Teddy Trail before joining the Education Team to paint your very own Teddy Coin Bank that you can take home and treasure forever. Suitable for families.

2 | Fishing for beginners
COOMBE COUNTRY PARK
10am-11.30am
£12, booking essential
Come and have a go at fishing with the help of the experienced Coombe Team. We will provide all the equipment and advice to get you started. Junior Rod Licence is essential for those 12 and over, available FREE of charge from the Post Office or online at www.gov.uk/fishing-licences. Limited Spaces available.

2 | Iris May Falcons
COOMBE COUNTRY PARK
11am-1pm
FREE, booking not required
Get up close and personal with these amazing birds of prey, brought to you by Iris May Falcons. Suitable for all.

2 | Fresh Air Fun
RANGERS' ACTIVITIES
CALUDON CASTLE PARK,
meet near play area.
1.30pm-3pm
FREE, no booking required
Suitable for families with children 12 years. For more information please see 31 July description.

3 | Crazy Clay
WAR MEMORIAL PARK
1.30pm-3pm
£3.80, booking not essential.
Get messy and creative!
See what models you can make from clay. Suitable for families.

7 | Pond Pals
COOMBE COUNTRY PARK
10.30am-11.15am or
11.30am- 12.15pm
£4 per child, booking essential
Create some underwater arts and crafts to take home. Suitable for families.

7 | Creative Candles
COOMBE COUNTRY PARK
1pm-1.45pm or 2pm-2.45pm
£5 per child, booking essential
Create your own candles using mouldable wax and special wax pens. Suitable for three years and above.

7 | Fresh Air Fun
RANGERS' ACTIVITIES
RED HOUSE PARK,
meet near play area.
1.30pm-3pm
FREE, no booking required
Suitable for families with children 12 years plus. For more information please see 31 July description.

8 | Crazy Clay
COOMBE COUNTRY PARK
10.30am-11.15am or
11.30am-12.15pm
£4 per child, booking essential
Join the Education Team and design your own clay masterpieces to take home. Suitable for three years and above.

8 | Bee Tastic
COOMBE COUNTRY PARK
1pm-1.45pm or 2pm-2.45pm
£4 per child, booking essential

Bees are one of our most misunderstood insects. Come along and find out how we can take care of them for the future while creating your very own bee themed arts and crafts to take home. Suitable for three years and above.

8 | Fresh Air Fun
RANGERS' ACTIVITIES
COUNDON HALL PARK,
meet near play area.
1.30pm-3pm
FREE, no booking required.
Suitable for families with children 12 years and above. *For more information please see 31 July description.*

9 | Turtle Tumble
WAR MEMORIAL PARK
1.30pm-3pm
£3.80, booking not essential.
Come and have a shell-tastic time with the Education Team to make your own family of turtles. Suitable for families.

9 | Iris May Falcons
COOMBE COUNTRY PARK
11am-1pm
FREE, booking not required
For more information please see August 2 description. Suitable for all.

9 | Fresh Air Fun
RANGERS' ACTIVITIES
STOKE GREEN PARK,
meet near play area.
1.30pm-3pm
FREE, no booking required
Suitable for families with children 12 years plus. *For more information please see 31 July description.*

10 | Hopping Mad
WAR MEMORIAL PARK
1.30pm-3pm
£3.80, booking not essential.
Ribbit Ribbit! Join the Education Team to make hopping mad frog crafts to take home with you. Suitable for families.

14 | Enchanted Woodland
COOMBE COUNTRY PARK
10.30am-11.15am or
11.30am-12.15pm
£4, booking essential. Unicorns, pixies and more make their homes in our enchanted woods. Come along and make some arts and crafts for your home. Suitable for three years and above.

14 | Beautiful Butterflies
COOMBE COUNTRY PARK
1pm-1.45pm or 2pm-2.45pm
£4, booking essential.
Create your butterfly and crafts to take home. Suitable for three years plus.

15 | Lucky Ladybird
COOMBE COUNTRY PARK
10.30am-11.15am or
11.30am-12.15pm
£4, booking essential.

Make your own ladybird home for your garden as well as other ladybird themed arts and crafts. Suitable for three years and above.

15 | Crawly Creatures
COOMBE COUNTRY PARK
1pm-1.45pm or 2pm-2.45pm
£4, booking essential.
Create some wonderful crawly creatures and crafts to take home. Suitable for three years and above.

16 | Fishing for beginners
COOMBE COUNTRY PARK
10am-11.30am
£12, booking essential
For more information please see 2 August description.
Limited spaces available.

16 | Iris May Falcons
Coombe Country Park
11am-1pm
FREE, booking not required
For more information please see 2 August description. Suitable for all.

16 | Twit Twoo
WAR MEMORIAL PARK
1.30pm-3pm
£3.80, booking not essential.
Have a hoot making some owl themed arts and crafts. Suitable for families.

17 | Blast Off
WAR MEMORIAL PARK
1.30pm-3pm
£3.80, booking not essential.
Blast off into outer space by decorating your very own wooden rocket and making some alien crafts. Suitable for families.

21 | Woodland Companions
COOMBE COUNTRY PARK
10.30am-11.15am or
11.30am-12.15pm
£4, booking essential.
Make some woodland creature arts and crafts to take home. Suitable for families.

21 | Mystical Mayhem
COOMBE COUNTRY PARK
1pm-1.45pm or 2pm-2.45pm
£4, booking essential.
Who might create some mystical mayhem in the park? Fairies? Pixies? Come along and create some mystical arts and crafts to take home. Suitable for three years and above.

21 | Fresh Air Fun
RANGERS' ACTIVITIES
LONGFORD PARK,
meet near play area.
1.30pm-3pm
FREE, no booking required
Suitable for families with children 12 years plus. *For more information please see 31 July description.*

22 | Water Buddies
COOMBE COUNTRY PARK
10.30am-11.15am or
11.30-12.15pm
£4, booking essential.
Make your very own underwater themed arts and crafts to take home. Suitable for three years and above.

22 | Animal Allsorts
COOMBE COUNTRY PARK
1pm-1.45pm and 2pm-2.45pm
£4, booking essential.
Animals come in all shapes and colours. Come along and make some animal themed arts and crafts to take home. Suitable for three years and above.

22 | Fresh Air Fun
RANGERS' ACTIVITIES
ALLESLEY PARK,
meet near play area.
1.30pm-3pm
FREE, no booking required
Suitable for families with children 12 years plus. *For more information please see 31 July description.*

23 | Iris May Falcons
COOMBE COUNTRY PARK
11am-1pm
FREE, booking not required
For more information please see 2 August description. Suitable for all.

23 | Bonkers about Crafts
WAR MEMORIAL PARK
1.30pm-3pm
£3.80, booking not essential
Join the Education Team to make a variety of crafts to take home. An assortment of crafts will be available. Suitable for families.

23 | Fresh Air Fun
RANGERS' ACTIVITIES
CALUDON CASTLE PARK,
meet near play area.
1.30pm-3pm
FREE, no booking required
Suitable for families with children 12 years plus. *For more information please see 31 July description.*

28 | Fresh Air Fun
RANGERS' ACTIVITIES
EDGWICK PARK,
meet near play area.
1.30pm-3pm
FREE, no booking required
Suitable for families with children 12 years plus. *For more information please see 31 July description.*

28 | Fresh Air Fun
RANGERS' ACTIVITIES
NAULS MILL PARK,
meet near play area.
1.30pm-3pm
FREE, no booking required
Suitable for families with children 12 years plus. *For more information please see 31 July description.*

30 | Fresh Air Fun
RANGERS' ACTIVITIES
PRIOR DERAM PARK,
meet near play area.
1.30pm-3pm
FREE, no booking required
Suitable for families with children 12 years plus. *For more information please see 31 July description.*

30 | Iris May Falcons
COOMBE COUNTRY PARK
11am-1pm
FREE, booking not required
For details see 2 August description. Suitable for all.

Bands in the PARK 2018

FREE EVENTS
2pm - 3.30pm

- Sunday 22 July
Stoke Green Park
JAGUAR LAND ROVER BAND
- Sunday 29 July
Spencer Park (near to the tennis courts)
BANDICOOTS BLUES CONNECTION
- Sunday 12 August
War Memorial Park (near to the aviary)
CUBBINGTON SILVER BAND
- Sunday 19 August
Allesley Hall (rear of Allesley Hall)
PHOENIX ROCK 'N' ROLL BAND
- Sunday 2 September
Holbrooks Park
CITY OF COVENTRY BRASS
- Sunday 9 September
Caludon Castle Park
(coinciding with Heritage Open Days)
DAYS PRING STEEL BAND

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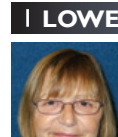
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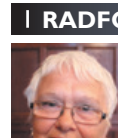
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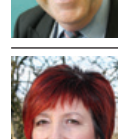
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