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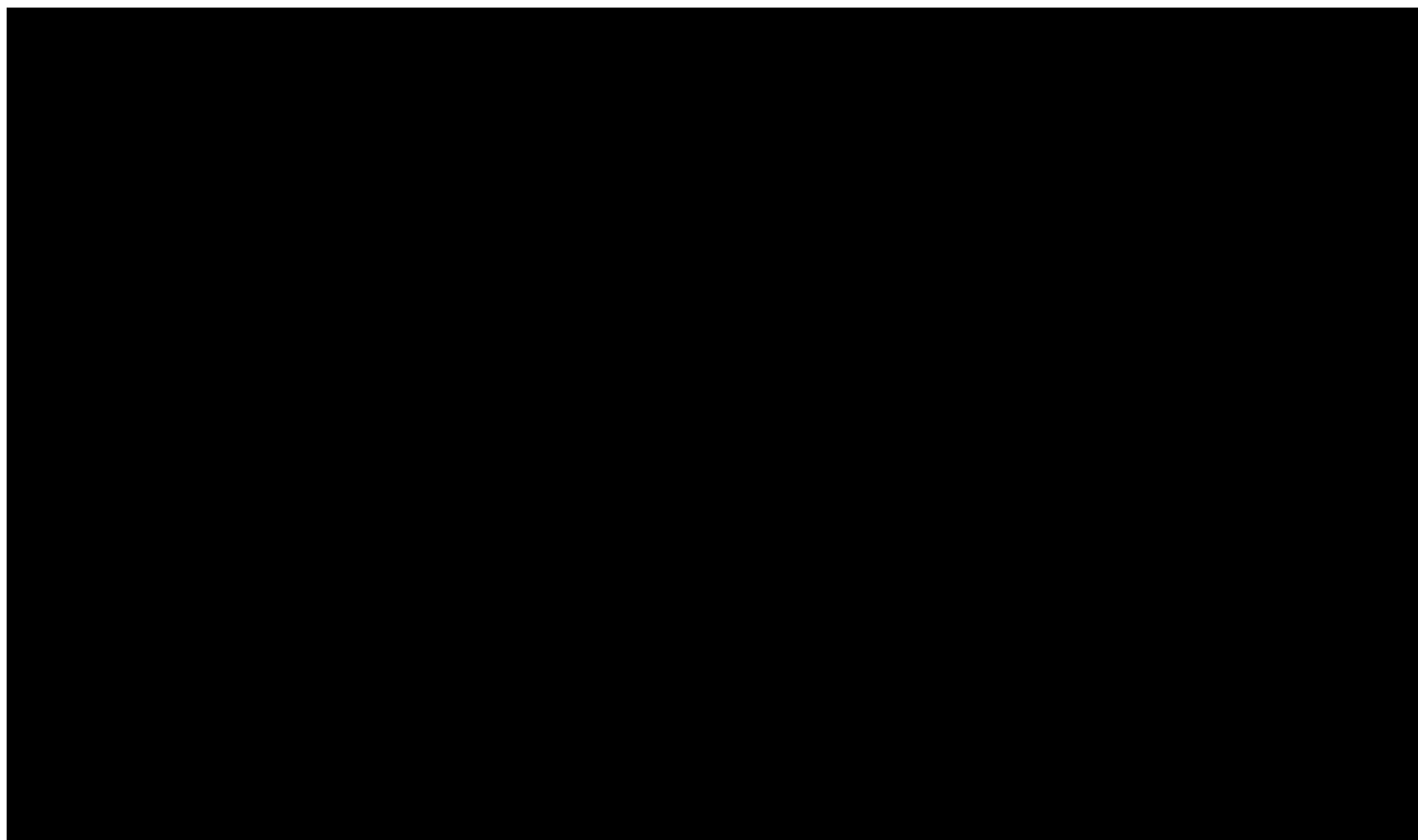
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● A personal message from Cllr John Mutton, Leader, Coventry City Council.

It's only been a couple of months since the recent local elections saw changes across the Council, with half a dozen new councillors elected to serve you and represent your communities, but already all your councillors are getting on with the business of making sure we're delivering on the issues that are important to you.

Thanks to everyone who voted in the recent elections – it's a real privilege and honour for me to be leader of the Council, and I'm very proud that I can continue that work over the coming year.

There's plenty going on too, as you'll find out in this issue of *Citivism*. We're cracking on with the important business of repairing our roads, which we know is a priority for you, so find out more about the roads we're tackling over the summer on pages 8-9.

We were already really proud of our work to make the most of London2012 and Olympic football here in our city, but last month's announcement that the Olympic Torch will visit for an unforgettable evening on its journey to London was the real icing on the cake. Find out more about how Coventry is making the most of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity in the special 2012 supplement – and look out for lots more news on our work to leave a lasting legacy over the coming months.

But well before 2012, there's a fantastic opportunity for us all to party at the Godiva Festival from July 1 to 3 in the War Memorial Park – and best of all, it's absolutely free! Hope to see you down there – and fingers crossed for a sunny weekend.

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Cover story: Kimisha Shankle helps launch the Godiva Festival in spectacular style. For details of the line-up for this year's event, turn to pages 16-17



● A personal message from Roger Lewis, chair of the Coventry Partnership...

Coventry *Citivism* includes a great range of articles from organisations that make up the Coventry Partnership.

The partnership includes the public, private, community and voluntary sectors and as this issue goes to print we have just had confirmation of a new campaign that we will be running called Proud of My City. It's all about celebrating civic pride and the work of city communities, and you'll get to hear more about this in the coming months.

Also in the weeks ahead, I'll be handing over the reigns of chairing the Coventry

\* Roger Lewis is the director legal and company secretary of Peugeot Citroen Group in Coventry and has worked in the motor industry for 15 years over three periods since 1982.

Partnership to Dave Walton, assistant director for technical and operational support, West Midlands Fire Service.

Dave will bring his wealth of experience to ensure the partnership approach to making progress in Coventry goes from strength to strength.

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# Hailed for the pace of tackling planning issues

**Coventry is top of the league when it comes to how speedily it deals with planning applications.**

In 98 per cent of cases, the planning department of Coventry City Council deals with planning applications within the timescale set by Government.

Councillor Kevin Maton, chair of the planning committee, said that it was great news for anyone looking to extend their property, develop new housing or businesses looking to invest.

"This is recognition of the great work being done by our staff in difficult times. But dealing with applications in a timely manner doesn't mean we will minimise the importance of people having the opportunity to comment on



■ Planning chairman Cllr Kevin Maton: "This is recognition of the great work being done by our staff in difficult times".

proposals for their area."

He also said the Council would not compromise on the importance of developments being sustainable and the need to protect our heritage and environment.

## Partners put stamp on bus service



Cllrs Lindsley Harward and Linda Bigham parade the partnership award for helping improve city bus routes. Coventry City Council and its partners Centro, Jacobs and National Express have won "Best Partnership" category in the Institution of Civil Engineers awards held last week. The award was achieved for delivering the West Midlands Smart Routes scheme on the Number 13 bus route in Coventry. The £2.3 million scheme has improved services on the route which runs between the

city centre and Holbrooks. ■ Plans to reduce the numbers of motorists driving illegally on city bus lanes are being introduced in the city. Cameras will be used to identify motorists who illegally drive in a bus lane and offending motorists will be issued with a £60 penalty charge (£30, if paid within 14 days). Cllr Lindsley Harward, cabinet member for City Services, said: "Motorists who ignore the restrictions and are subsequently fined will only have themselves to blame."

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## Screening help keeps teams healthy

A new scheme that provides health screening events for local businesses has been launched in the city. Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber has joined with the Council, Coventry Health Improvement Programme (CHIP) and the Coventry Primary Care

Trust to run the scheme. For details of the Working Well in Coventry project or to book a Health Screening event for your employees, contact Lesley McCall on 024 7665 4144 or e-mail lesleym@cw-chamber.co.uk

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# Dig this! A people's square to be proud of

Work is underway to improve Broadgate Square and other parts of the city centre as part of redevelopment plans to create a greener and more people-friendly environment.

Coventry City Council leader Cllr John Mutton and deputy leader Cllr George Duggins helped mark the start of building work and they are keen for the redevelopment to leave a fitting landmark in the heart of the city.

"Like the vast majority of local people I'm passionate about the city and the city centre," explained Cllr Mutton.

"We all agree that we need to do something about the current square. It's not a welcoming place. The road dominates the space and the raised grass areas were unusable and a barrier to pedestrians.

"I believe our plan for Broadgate is one that will stand the test of time. Our new square, once it opens in 2012, will feel comfortable, a place we can feel at home in and a space that will grow in our affections.

"That's why we talked to local people about the changes to Broadgate and plans to create



● Council deputy leader Cllr George Duggins (left) and leader Cllr John Mutton mark the start of work on Broadgate Square.

*'I believe our plan for Broadgate will stand the test of time...'*

shared spaces – how pedestrians mingle safely with cars and buses - and they were clear that the space should be traffic free; so it will be.

"However, the improvements will also ensure that if we ever need to allow traffic in, day or night, it will be easy for us to do so without much further work.

"Taxis will be located nearby, as will buses, and cycling will be

encouraged in Broadgate. It is the busiest of all locations in the city centre, so I don't believe it will ever feel isolated or soulless. Coventry people will not allow this; if there is one thing our city has bags of, it's heart and soul.

"We've still got a long way to go but I believe the final result will be a thriving Square that will be enjoyed by the people who love it and use it most - the residents of this city."

For more on Broadgate Square and other plans for the city centre read the *Our Journey* supplement (see centre pages).

## Make sure you don't lose the right to vote

Every household will receive their Annual Voter Registration form in August.

Returning the forms is a legal requirement. The details are used to compile the Electoral Register, and means that people are able to vote at the next election.

For more information, visit [www.coventry.gov.uk/register2ovote](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/register2ovote)

People are being asked to check that the details are correct on the form before returning it to the Council's elections office.

## Older people living life to the full

Coventry will once again be celebrating International Older Peoples' Week in October.

Titled Full of Life, it will focus on staying active and healthy in later life.

Last year, 700,000 people took part in 3,000 events across the country.

It includes yoga sessions, tea dances and information fairs that provide the opportunity to meet new friends or try something different.

All the events in Coventry will be on the Council website



at [www.coventry.gov.uk/opw](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/opw) so keep checking for up-to-date information.

To find out more about UK Older Peoples' Day, visit <http://fulloflife.direct.gov.uk/older-peoples-day.html>

## Living lab status for techno park



Coventry University, in partnership with Coventry City Council, has been awarded 'Living Labs' status by the Brussels-based European Network of Living Labs (ENoLL).

The Coventry organisations' membership of ENoLL will see the University's Technology Park become a real-life test and experimentation environment for low carbon innovations in the transport and building industries.

The announcement expands the University's existing applied research activities around low emissions vehicles and low impact buildings.

## TV licence help

TV inspectors are encouraging people who find it hard to pay the annual £145.50 for a colour licence or £49 for black and white to contact them about alternative payment plans. Getting caught watching TV without a licence can result in a fine of up to £1,000. For details call 0300 790 6115 or visit [www.tvlicensing.co.uk](http://www.tvlicensing.co.uk)

## MS therapy aid

Mercia MS Therapy Centre provides therapies and support for more than 200 Coventry and Warwickshire people with multiple sclerosis.

The Aldermans Green based charity offers physiotherapy, Hyperbaric Oxygen (HBO), reflexology, massage, yoga, and lots more.

Hyperbaric Oxygen is recognised worldwide as a treatment for many conditions such as cerebral palsy, stroke, autism, sports injuries and wound healing.

Anyone with any condition who can benefit from HBO is welcome. For details call 024 7661 1088 or visit [www.merciamstherapy.org.uk](http://www.merciamstherapy.org.uk)

■ Telfer Road residents enjoy their street party.



## Revellers enjoy a right royal wedding knees-up

Coventry communities celebrated the royal wedding in style, with 22 street parties across the city. Cllr Phil Townshend, cabinet member for Community Safety and Equalities, said: "Street parties bring people together and help renew community spirit." Sarah Miller, who attended the Eastlands Grove Coundon party, said: "We had a very successful party with over 60 adults and 21 kids. "Many of the residents invited their families and there were lots of reunions. One elderly resident met with the mother of a fairly new neighbour - and realised they were at school together!" Practical issues such as road-closure notices were all handled and paid for by the Council.



## Here's how to find traders you can trust

A new scheme offering simple, safe and reliable ways to avoid rogue traders and to help people easily find workers for all their home maintenance and repair jobs has been introduced in the city.

Age UK Coventry in partnership with the Council's Trading Standards has developed a scheme called Trusted Traders. With just one phone call, Age UK Coventry can put residents in touch with trustworthy people who have been rigorously checked out and interviewed.

The service maintains ongoing quality monitoring and spot checks on all the traders. It offers a free, no obligation quote, and if people choose to go ahead with the job the scheme offers good quality work at a fair price.

If a customer is still not satisfied Age UK Coventry will help sort it out and to resolve any reasonable issues with the traders. Trusted Traders can help people find builders, carpenters, electricians, fencers, gardeners, gas fitters, glaziers, and many more specialist traders. There are also two other services available in your home - professional footcare and mobile home hairdressers.

Cllr Phil Townshend, the Council's cabinet member for Community Safety, is backing the scheme. He said: "This is an excellent service and a big step towards tackling culprits who victimise more vulnerable people. I endorse this scheme and am confident that it will offer greater security for consumers. Age UK Coventry are to be congratulated and thanked for their work in this area."

For details call Trusted Traders at Age UK Coventry on 024 7643 3982 or 024 7623 1999, or drop in to their city centre office at 7 Warwick Row, or visit their website [www.ageukcoventry.org.uk](http://www.ageukcoventry.org.uk)

## Jobs project offers advice and support to the vulnerable

Coventry City Council has introduced a new project to help the city's most vulnerable people find employment.

It's backed by Cllr Linda Bigham, cabinet member for City Development at the Council. She believes it is vital that people who find it the hardest to get back into work can get help with completing application forms, access free internet use and explore opportunities to develop their job skills.

"These are difficult economic times – but it's worse for some people than others. We are here to help the people who need it the most and our vision is for Coventry to be a proud city that works."

The Council can offer support to those who are:

- \* At risk of losing their job.
- \* Looking for work, claiming or not claiming a benefit.
- \* Working in jobs that are below their qualification, ie graduates.
- \* Working in low-level jobs.
- \* Young people.
- \* Lone parents.
- \* Migrant workers who have recourse to public funds.

If this sounds like you or someone you know please contact the Council's jobs team on 024 7683 1284.

## Healthy take on nursery care



■ Local nursery staff take part in CHEYSA.

A new award that recognises and rewards nurseries which promote good health in the children they look after has been introduced in Coventry. The Coventry Healthy Early Years Setting Award – CHEYSA – is an accreditation that nurseries can apply for. The award promotes standards of breastfeeding, healthy nutrition, physical activity, oral health, immunisation and vaccination, and stopping smoking. It also ensures staff are trained to deliver specific health promotion messages. Twenty nurseries have already signed up. Local mum Karen, said: "If I had the choice when I was looking for a nursery, I would have gone for an accredited setting as I know they would have put the time and effort in – after all, I am paying for it so I want the best." To find out more, call 07940 445079, e-mail [ellie.mccann@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:ellie.mccann@coventry.gov.uk) or visit [www.coventry.gov.uk/CHEYSA](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/CHEYSA)

## Time to focus on those who care

Nominations are being sought for Coventry's Good Citizen Award 2011. The award recognises individuals who have improved life in the city through their selfless efforts. Past recipients have performed acts of bravery, raised money for charity, coached young children in sport or dance, and cared for the needy.

If you would like to nominate someone, write or e-mail their name, address, and contact number to Communications Team, The Council House, Earl Street, Coventry, CV1 5RR. There is also a form at [www.coventry.gov.uk](http://www.coventry.gov.uk). And don't forget to include your own contact details too.

## Hate crackdown

The Council has backed a global event which raises awareness of the discrimination against gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans-spectrum people.

The International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia (IDAHoT) is an annual one-day event, and local campaigners recently gathered in the city centre to show and rally support for the cause.

## Mysteries unfold

The city streets are set to host a performing and visual arts festival exploring a range of social issues. Schools, university students and community groups have been working alongside professional artists in music, dance, drama, poetry, art and film to develop activities for Coventry Mysteries week from June 20-26. Co-ordinator Hannah Grainger said: "Throughout the medieval ages, workers of Coventry performed plays for entertaining and instructing. The new Coventry Mysteries give people the chance to express their views in a creative and exciting way." For details, visit [www.coventrymysteries.com](http://www.coventrymysteries.com)

## Dancers in Spotlight

Freeman Dance School is staging *Spotlight* at the Belgrade Theatre on July 8-9 at 7.30pm. Over 350 schoolchildren from Coventry will be featured in performances of ballet, tap, acrobatics, musical theatre, Irish and street dance. Tickets priced £12 and £10 with concessions are now available at the box office

# Zone aims to boost jobs



■ St Michael's ward Sergeant Ian Wilkinson and PC Diane Hare present the Police Fund money to swimming coach Adam Ruckwood.

## Lost property funds swimmers

Young swimmers from Coventry will splashdown in style when they arrive for the International Children's Games thanks to a cash windfall from West Midlands Police. Coventry Swimming Club, based at the Fairfax Street sports club, has been handed £150 from the Police Property Fund – a kitty which is generated from the sale of unclaimed property. And the money will be used to buy new swimming costumes and kit for the club's eight-strong team of 14 and 15-year-olds competing at the games in Scotland this summer. Swimming club fundraiser Yvonne Matthews, said: "We're extremely grateful to West Midlands Police for the contribution." Any lost property which cannot be identified and which remains unclaimed for 12 months can be sold, with the proceeds being distributed to good causes. Any clubs, charities or good causes wishing to apply for help should contact Ann Penfold at [a.penfold@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:a.penfold@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk)

Coventry's north-east regeneration area of Wood End, Henley Green, Manor Farm and Deedmore – known as Spirit Quarters – is preparing to bring more job opportunities to young people.

The £360m scheme off Henley Road is preparing to recruit young adults interested in shared apprenticeships in partnership with City College Coventry, training schemes or work experience placements. In the last year, six local young people who were not in education, employment or training have had the opportunity to get involved in the ambitious scheme.

Success stories include those of local resident William Mpoka, who initially started off on work experience and is



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now preparing to enrol in a BTEC HNC in construction, and Thomas Barlow, who will be starting a bricklaying apprenticeship in September after completing a one year placement.

For more information about the Spirit Quarters scheme, visit [www.spiritquarters.co.uk](http://www.spiritquarters.co.uk)

## Care innovation lands top prize



■ Members of Coventry's Adult Social Care team with the award.

A scheme that gives people easier access to the wide range of adult social care and universal services in Coventry has won a national award.

Coventry City Council's web-based system known as The Matrix

(Supply Chain Matrix or SCM) won the care innovator category at the Great British Home Care Awards.

Launched as a pilot in 2010, the system provides information on more than 300 providers who can offer support to, or be accessed by, adults across the city.

For the first time, the system means that the individual needs inputted by each user can be matched to the services on offer.

This enables people to make informed choices and decisions rather than contacting providers randomly from a city-wide list.

## Keeping an eye on the kids

Organisations in Coventry are joining forces to deliver a range of events across the city to mark Child Safety Week from June 20 to 27. Advice stands during the week will be at the Haggard Centre (Tuesday June 21, 8.30am-1pm), Riley Square, Bell Green (Wednesday June 22, 1.30- 4.30pm) and Bullyard, city centre (Friday June 24, 10am-3pm). For details visit [www.childsafetyweek.org.uk](http://www.childsafetyweek.org.uk)

# Making good the street where you

## Road crews heading down your way in £5m potholes drive

More than £5 million is being invested over the next ten months on the repair and resurfacing of Coventry's roads.

The investment comes on top of £5 million spent last year, and means that by the end of next March – a period of less than two years – more than a quarter of the city's road network will have been resurfaced.

Cllr Lindsley Harvard, cabinet member for City Services, said: "A year after our initial investment to repair the worst of the potholes, we are now focusing on protecting as many roads as we can ahead of winter by protecting and waterproofing the surface.

"We pledged to protect our roads for the future and this is



● Cllr Harvard joins Ray Harper and Steve Price from the Council's highways team as they resurface Westmorland Road in Wyken.

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proper preventative action. The list of roads we will be treating before the end of March next year is too long to print in one go, but below are the roads we will be repairing between now and early September."

### JULY

Aldbourne Road; Allesley Old Road (part); Alliance Way (part); Armorial Road; Arundel Road; Atherston Place; Awson Street (part); Bassett Road; Batsford Road; Binley Road (part); Binley Road (part); Brayford Avenue; Bromleigh Drive; Carmelite Road; Clifford Bridge Road (part); Coniston Road; Cowley Road; Cromwell Lane; Cromwell Street; Cubbington Road; Deedmore Road (part); Dunsmore Avenue; Eagle Street (part); Edgwick Road; Farcroft Avenue; Fern Close; Foster Road (part); Frankwell Drive; Gaveston Road; Glendower Avenue; Glenmore Drive; Goodman Way; Gravel Hill; Harnall Lane East (part); Hearsall Lane (part); Hilary Road; Hiron Croft; Holyhead Road (part); Humphrey Burtons Road;

Joan Ward Street; Kenilworth Road; Keresley Road (part); Kingsland Avenue (part); Leamington Road (part); Lichfield Road; Links Road (part); Lupton Avenue; Mary Herbert Street; Merynton Avenue; Newcombe Road (part); Norman Place Road (part); Oban Road; Okehampton Road; Old Church Road (part); Orlescote Road; Owenford Road; Pancras Close; Park Avenue; Park Street; Pauline Avenue; Prince of Wales Road; Rye Hill; Sandhurst Grove; Sefton Road; Smith Street; Sovereign Road; St Martins Rd Serv Rd/ Joanna Drive; St Martins Road Service Road (part); Stratford Street; Swan Lane (part); Tackford Road; Tanners Lane (part); Tutbury Avenue; Unicorn Avenue; Walsgrave Road (part); Warwick Road; Watercall Avenue; Webster Street; Yelverton Road.

### AUGUST

Almond Tree Avenue (part); Arkle Drive; Attothall Road (part); Beckbury Road; Bell Green Road (part); Binley Avenue; Burnaby Road (part); Chace Avenue;



live...



Charter Avenue; Corfe Close; Crowmere Road; Despard Road; Earlsdon Street; Frampton Walk; George Robertson Close; Grangemouth Road; Grayswood Avenue; Hadleigh Road; Hall Green Road (part); Hinckley Road; Holmes Drive; Invicta Road; Knightlow Avenue; London Road (part); Meredith Road; Middleborough Road; Middlecotes; Paynes Lane; Penarth Grove; Potters Green Road; Radcliffe Road; Radford Road (part); Regina Crescent; Roseberry Avenue (part); Scots Lane; Sewall Highway (part); Sewall Highway; Shipston Road; Shirley Road; Silksby Street; Siskin Drive; Southcott Way; St Pauls Road (part); Sundorne Close; Sutherland Avenue; The Coppice; The Firs (part); The Martyrs Close; The Scotchill (part); Treherne Road (part); Vecqueray Street; Villa Road; Waveley Road; Wheler Road; Whitworth Avenue; Willow Grove; Barker Butts Lane; Barker Butts Lane (part); Bulls Head Lane; Fairfax Street (part); Lockhurst Lane (part); Yewdale Crescent.

## Record recycling by citizens helps ease the pressure on planet Earth

Coventry produces about 126,000 tonnes of waste each year - that's over half a tonne per household. It's a lot of rubbish.

But thanks to you, we are recycling more and more. In fact, last year was a record-breaking year in the city and we recycled over 37 per cent of our total waste.

Councillor Lindsley Harvard, cabinet member for City Services, said: "We are working hard to make it easy for you to recycle. Making sure as much of our waste as possible can be

recycled or reused is good news for the environment because it reduces the need to take more raw materials out of the earth - this saves energy and helps to reduce our carbon footprint.

"So next time you drop a carton, a bottle, an aerosol or a jar into your blue-lidded bin, you can be proud that you are doing something good for the world and for future generations.

"But it's not all about the blue-lidded bin - you can also use your brown-lidded bin to recycle garden waste."

Last year more than 16,600 tonnes of garden waste was collected in Coventry. It is taken to a local farm where it is turned into soil improver.

The Council has also joined forces with Valpak and G&P Batteries and has set up a schools' battery recycling competition.

Boxes are provided to schools and household batteries can be dropped in before being collected to be taken off for safe and environmentally-friendly disposal.

You can also dispose of your batteries at shops and supermarkets too.



### Recycling

The blue-lidded bin is collected every two weeks. Use it for:

- \* Mixed paper and card - newspaper and magazines, junk mail, telephone directories, envelopes.
- \* Mixed household plastic - plastic bottles, food trays and yoghurt pots.
- \* Cartons - tetra paks/drink cartons.
- \* Aerosols.
- \* Glass bottles and jars.
- \* Food and drink cans - steel /aluminium cans.

Please put rubbish in loose. Please do not use plastic bags. Place your bin out by 7am on your collection day.



### Garden waste

The brown-lidded bin is collected every two weeks. Use it for:

- \* Lawn clippings.
- \* Small branches.
- \* Prunings.
- \* Flowers.
- \* Leaves.
- \* Windfall fruit /cones/seeds.
- \* Weeds.



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## Lord Mayor's charity targets

New Lord Mayor Cllr Keiran Mulhall has launched his charity appeal for 2011/2012 under the banner one city, one year, one pound.

"To give £1 during the course of a year is a symbolic gesture especially when we are asking the same of everyone in the city," he said. "It's a massive honour to be Lord Mayor and I would love people to really get behind this charity appeal."

Coventry Building Society is backing the campaign and people can donate at any branch of the society or by visiting [www.coventry.gov.uk/onepound](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/onepound).

Funds raised by the appeal will be split between Coventry Ophthalmology Service, the Army Benevolent Fund and Coventry children with special needs. Sarah Godderidge, Coventry Building Society senior community officer, added: "We're delighted to support the appeal."

## Anti-violence campaign cheer

Coventry Partnership has landed a national award for its anti-violence campaign.

The Council, West Midlands Police and Whitefriars Housing are among those behind the year-long campaign.

Not in my City received the silver award at the public sector LGcommunications Reputation Awards 2011.

The scheme tackled alcohol-related crime, domestic violence and abuse and burglary, and has led to a 20 per cent fall in contact violence and assault with injury across Coventry.

The next phase is called Proud of my City, a year-long campaign that will encourage civic pride and grass-roots community participation as part of local preparations for London 2012.

Proud of my City has been awarded the London2012 Inspire Mark accreditation by The London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG).

## High praise for treatment pioneers



**The University of Warwick has been commended for its strong partnership with the NHS and the work it is doing to improve treatments across the broad scope of health needs in the UK. Over the last five years, doctors and scientists at Warwick Medical School's clinical trials unit have been at the forefront of disease research. During a speech at the official opening Dr Glenn Wells, deputy director and head of research and funding programmes at the National Institute for Health Research, said he was delighted with the work being done at the unit. Professor Sallie Lamb, director of the Clinical Trials Unit, said future trials may include studies into swine flu,**

■ *Warwick Medical School's Professor Janet Dunn, Dr Glenn Wells, from the National Institute for Health Research, Simon Fourmy, director of grants at the Wolfson Foundation, and Professor Sallie Lamb, director of Warwick Clinical Trials Unit, at the official launch of the clinical trials unit building.*

**ventilation, dementia, serious injury and military injuries. Professor Janet Dunn, head of cancer trials at the unit, is working on a project that compares the effectiveness, cost and safety of breast cancer patients taking Herceptin for a shorter amount of time. The £5 million Clinical Trials Unit building was funded by the The Wolfson Foundation and by Advantage West Midlands through the Science City Research Alliance (SCRA) Translational Medicine Project.**

## Grant helps groups to cook up healthy menu

**Twenty two community projects have received funding worth £115,000 from the Cook and Eat Well Development Fund, run by Voluntary Action Coventry (VAC).**

Coventry communities are taking part in cooking sessions for adults with learning disabilities, a year of cookery in the park, a cooking club in Hillfields and a community farm project in Canley.

Cook and Eat Well in Coventry is also looking to crown someone the creator of Coventry's Best Dish. For the chance to win a prize, including a food hamper and gym membership, fill out an entry form with your favourite healthy recipe by December 9 2011. Shortlisted entrants will be given a training course in a professional kitchen, before cooking their dish in a special Coventry cook-off, where the winner will be chosen.

Catherine Goodridge, Cook and Eat Well in Coventry programme manager, said:



■ *Claire Jagers, Liz Taylor and Kirstie Osborne from the Cook and Eat Well team get the healthy eating message across.*

"More projects and clubs will be starting over the next couple of years to give people the skills and confidence to make healthy food choices. Community Food Champions are coming forward to run cooking clubs, Food Dudes will be working in 30 primary schools and I am pleased that the Cook and Eat Well development fund has already funded 12 community projects."

For details, visit [www.cookandwell.co.uk](http://www.cookandwell.co.uk) or call 0845 388 2369.

## Time to care for Coventry kids

Foster families are being sought to offer a stable life to children coming into the Council's care.

There are no age limits and single people can foster as well as married or cohabiting couples. Foster carers can own or rent a house. Some have their own children, others do not. People of all ethnic origins are needed – children benefit from living with families that share their culture, language and religion.

Cllr Jim O'Boyle, cabinet member for Children and Young People, said: "We want to hear from people who can help us transform the lives of children and young people in our care. These children are on your doorstep. They live in your area of the city and go to your local school!"

Call 024 7678 5577 to find out more, or visit [www.coventry.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/fostering)

## Let the kids go wild this summer

The Herbert's annual creative play installation is back this summer. The free event is open between July 22 and September 11. Wild Worlds allows parents and children to travel deep under the sea, or to hide in the craters of a distant planet.

"Wild Worlds is a sensory adventure," said Jack Shuttleworth, community events and exhibition officer at the Herbert. "Children will have a great time causing mayhem in a productive and imaginative way."

Other free craft activities for children include Previous Treasures Trail, starting in July, which will lead families to uncover hidden treasure. In August, Memory Maps will enable youngsters to preserve their summer memories by creating their own scrapbooks.

The highly anticipated BBC *Walking with Beasts* exhibition will also run from July 2 to October 30, featuring large-scale models such as woolly mammoths and sabre-tooth cats. For details, visit [www.theherbert.org](http://www.theherbert.org)

## Name chosen for £22m health facility

The name of the new city centre health facility under construction near the former Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital has been confirmed as the **City of Coventry Health Centre**.

NHS Coventry thanks the public and NHS staff who submitted almost 100 suggestions which were shortlisted for evaluation by the Board of NHS Coventry which made the final choice. This has now been ratified by the Department of Health. The person who submitted the winning entry will receive a cash prize and be invited to the official opening ceremony. Construction is now well past the halfway stage, with the facility on target to open in January 2012. The £22.5 million centre will provide modern, first class facilities for several local GP practices, community health services and the Walk-In centre, delivering quality healthcare to the people of Coventry for years to come.

## Right first time with new referral scheme

NHS Coventry has joined forces with Coventry's GP consortia to develop a new way of referring patients to a specialist, helping more people to get the right treatment first time. The Referral Support Service (RSS) is staffed by a specially trained team of health experts who will support local GPs by providing up-to-date help and advice on the clinics available. They will match patients' information with the clinical service that best suits their needs and ensure referrals contain all the key information consultants need to carry out an appointment. Robin Fontaine, service redesign manager at NHS Coventry, said: "With more than 300 consultants at University Hospital alone, there is a huge range of clinics for GPs to be aware of, some involving detailed referral criteria. The RSS team will help to ensure patients are put in touch with the right services at the right time and provide clear advice on all the choices available."

Part of NHS Coventry's Get The Right Treatment campaign, the RSS aims to make the referral process faster and more efficient, eliminate inappropriate outpatient attendances and reduce the number of re-referrals between health professionals.

# Help cut the cost of medicines waste

**NHS Coventry is urging Coventry residents to help reduce the amount of money wasted on unused drugs so that this can be better spent on health services within the city. Laurence Tressler (pictured), Deputy Head for Medicines Management, NHS Coventry, explains the problem...**



## Are you one of the many people who have prescription medicines in your medicine cupboard that you don't need?

Maybe you stopped taking a medicine because you felt better or didn't like the side effects. Or perhaps you ordered medicines on a repeat prescription that you didn't actually need. While it might just seem like a few spare tablets, it is estimated that, in Coventry alone, around £8m a year is wasted on drugs that are never used. Nationally, unwanted medicines cost the NHS at least £100 million a year. So what are you planning to do with these medicines?

### ■ Keep them until you need them?

Keeping large quantities of medicines in the house can be dangerous, especially if you have young children. And if you don't use them before their use-by date they may not be as effective and can even be harmful.

### ■ Throw them away?

Throwing unused medicines in the dustbin or flushing them down the toilet can have serious environmental implications – in fact some medicines qualify as hazardous waste.

### ■ Return them for re-issue?

Drugs which have been issued to a patient cannot be re-dispensed to others as their quality and safety cannot be guaranteed. They may have been stored in inappropriate conditions or become contaminated.

### ■ Send them to poorer countries?

There are very few of our unwanted medicines that can actually be used by developing countries. Unless managed carefully, it can actually cost charities more to dispose of donated drugs than it would to buy the medications they need from manufacturers.

### ■ Return for safe disposal?

The only option is to return the drugs to your pharmacist for safe disposal. NHS Coventry has to pay more than £42,000 a year for a waste disposal company to collect returned drugs and incinerate them in accordance with UK environmental waste regulations.

Nationally, the cost of purchasing and safely disposing of unused drugs adds up to more than £300m per year.

This could have paid for almost 90,000 more hip replacements, more than 11,500 more community nurses or around 300,000 more drug treatment courses for Alzheimer's.

## How can you help?

These costs can easily be reduced by just eliminating the waste. Here's a few simple ways you can help:

■ If you don't want to take a medicine, discuss it with your prescriber. Don't just let them keep prescribing it for you.

■ If you have a repeat prescription, only order what you need at that time. You only need to keep around seven-14 days' supply of any medication at home.

■ If you take lots of different medications, have a regular review with your GP to see if you still need them all.

Pharmacists can also provide free medicine-use reviews to help patients manage their medications better.

■ Wherever possible, purchase over-the-counter remedies like paracetamol or ibuprofen for minor ailments rather than asking for a prescription.

## Don't jet off without your jabs

**As holiday season approaches, NHS Coventry is urging parents to check that their children are fully protected against childhood diseases, after a recent rise in cases of measles across Europe, including the UK.**

**According to the Health Protection Agency (HPA), the national body which monitors contagious diseases, the number of measles cases in England and Wales has risen from 33 between January and April in 2010 to 275 over the same period this year.**

**Anyone jetting off to Europe on their summer holidays is advised to ensure that their children have had their two doses of the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine before they leave.**

**MMR uptake in Coventry is higher than the national average, with more than 97 per cent of children receiving their first jab and 90 per cent receiving the second dose. However, experts say that 95 per cent uptake of both doses is required to provide full protection.**

**It was thought that measles was close to being**

**eliminated for good in the 1990s but now the World Health Organisation has put back the target elimination date to 2015. However, it can be done. There have been no indigenous cases in the Americas since 2002 because everyone there has been immunised.**

**Most children receive their two MMR vaccinations before the age of five and are fully protected. However, if you or your children have not had your jabs, it is never too late – speak to your GP.**

## Spot Facts

- Measles is a highly infectious viral illness which causes fever, coughing and distinctive red-brown spots.
- It is spread very easily through coughs and sneezes.
- Possible complications include pneumonia, ear and eye infections, croup or even inflammation of the brain (encephalitis), which can be fatal.
- Measles in pregnancy can cause miscarriage, premature labour or a baby with low birth weight.
- One in 15 people have complications with measles and one in 1,000 will die from it.

# Coventry's moment to shine

**A celebration event will be held in Coventry after it was announced the Olympic Torch Relay will stop in the city during its journey around the UK.**

The Olympic Flame is set to visit Coventry in the build-up to London 2012 as the city prepares to host a total of 12 Olympic Football tournament matches at the City of Coventry Stadium.

The Olympic Torch Relay will provide another once in a generation opportunity for the people of Coventry and beyond to be inspired and part of the 2012 Games.

The Torch will arrive in the city on Sunday July 1, 2012 and stay overnight, giving the city an opportunity to showcase its culture and heritage, before continuing on its journey around the country.

Sebastian Coe, Chair of London 2012, said: "We have no doubt that the welcome Coventry will provide will demonstrate how the spirit of the Olympic Games is reaching out across the UK and excitement is building as the start of the 2012 Games draws closer."

Coventry is one of 66 evening celebration locations across the UK and the evening event will offer thousands of people the opportunity to come together in the celebrations and share in the Olympic spirit.

The London 2012 Olympic Torchbearer nomination programme has also been

announced.

London 2012, together with the three Presenting Partners – Coca-Cola, Lloyds TSB and Samsung are seeking 8,000 of the most inspirational people to have their moment to shine next summer by carrying the Olympic Flame. For more details and to make a nomination, please visit: [www.london2012.com/olympic-torch-relay](http://www.london2012.com/olympic-torch-relay)

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# Welcome

## Cllr John Mutton - Leader of Coventry City Council

The year 2012 is set to be a golden one for our city of Coventry.

The city will take its place on the world stage as a host for London 2012, but that's just one of the reasons to be proud to be a Coventrian next year.

As well as hosting Olympic Football, Coventry is to welcome the Olympic Torch, there will be Community Games across the city, and our wonderful Cathedral celebrates its golden anniversary.

We are already enjoying our fantastic Live Site screen and over the coming months we will see improvements such as a new Broadgate. This will not only create a wonderful city for when the eyes of the world are focussed on Coventry, but leave a lasting legacy for its people.

We know these are tough times, but London 2012 gives the whole city a once-in-a-lifetime chance to come together and celebrate. This is Coventry's chance to shine!



## David Moorcroft - Lead Coventry 2012 Games Ambassador

By now, those of us who have applied for Olympic tickets should know if we have been successful.

Local people who have applied to be Olympic volunteers will be going through the selection process and we can all celebrate another great honour for our city following the announcement that Coventry will host an overnight stop for the Olympic Torch Relay.

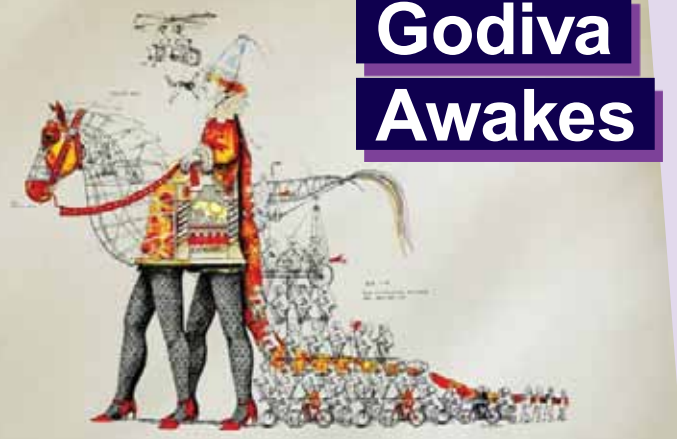
It will be an emotional experience for those people who are selected to carry the Torch as it travels through our region and an unforgettable event for all of us who see it.

Now the Games are getting closer and closer we can really plan our own Olympic and Paralympic experience, and it doesn't need to cost a penny.

The Live Site screen, Community Games and Open Weekend events are just a few ways to bring your Olympic experience to life.



## Godiva Awakes



People from across the West Midlands are preparing for this year's Carnival as part of Imagineer Productions' Godiva Awakes project. Supported by the Council, Godiva Awakes is part of Artists taking the lead, one of a series of 12 public art commissions across the UK to celebrate the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad.

A ten metre high Godiva, will awake in July 2012 to a spectacular performance and, powered by 50 cyclists a day,

*A ten metre high Godiva will awake.*

make a journey to London to play a part in the London 2012 celebrations.

The Godiva Awakes Choir in 2012 will be made up of 150 voices from across the region, including members from Birmingham, Coventry and Warwickshire and Worcestershire. The full Choir will perform for the first time as part of the Godiva Festival on Saturday July 2.

## Community spirit is high

April also saw 220 young people from across the West Midlands share performances exploring themes of equality fairness and social justice in their own communities.

Between now and July 2012 the performance groups from across the region will work in their own areas to explore the themes of the project through theatre, carnival and dance.

For the Godiva Carnival 2011, titled 'Dawn of Godiva', International Carnival Designer Brian MacFarlane, will design 10 sections of the Carnival representing 220 designs to be worn, and performed by the 220 young people who are part of the project. It is anticipated that in total over 1500 people will take part in the Godiva Carnival 2011.



Carnival celebrations underway

## Godiva Awakes Cycle Team power up the Cyclopedia

The 100-strong Godiva Awakes Cycle Team took part in their second joint training session at the Ricoh Arena in Coventry and powered a prototype Cyclopedia for the first time. Made up of novice and experienced cyclists from across the region, the team will be

training together at regular intervals ahead of Godiva's epic journey in 2012.



If you would like to be part of the Godiva Awakes project, or find out more visit [www.imagineerproductions.co.uk/godivaawakes](http://www.imagineerproductions.co.uk/godivaawakes)

David Moorcroft (left) and Beth Tweddle (centre) marking the London 2012 Open Weekend celebrations



## Open up to London 2012 celebrations!

London 2012 Open Weekend is an annual UK-wide celebration counting down to the 2012 Olympic Paralympic Games. It includes sporting, cultural and artistic events that bring together communities, all with the same intention of celebrating the Games coming to London and the UK.

This year's Open Weekend will take place between July 22 - 24 and will mark the

milestone of one year to go until the beginning of the 2012 Games.

Open Weekend is an opportunity for organisations to reach new audiences and for communities to come together to be part of London 2012 on a national scale.

Last year over 42,000 people attended 56 events across the West Midlands and organisers hope to involve 'even more' people in the 2011 Open Weekend celebrations.

*Open Weekend is your chance to be part of London 2012.*

The London 2012 Open Weekend is open to all non-commercial, not-for-profit organisations from culture, sport, community and learning such as a local council, a charity, theatre group or sports club. The weekend is your chance to be part of London 2012 and join in the countdown celebrations to the Games.

London 2012 has developed an Open Weekend marketing toolkit which will help you promote your event. You will be given access once your Open Weekend event has been approved.

The online application process for registering events is open until 5pm on Monday June 27 2011 and can be done by visiting: [www.london2012.com/open-weekend](http://www.london2012.com/open-weekend)

### Open Weekend profile: Cycling becomes extraordinary



Extraordinary Cycles launch in Leamington Spa

Hybrid Arts and Coventry Transport Museum have developed a ground-breaking partnership project.

Extraordinary Cycles celebrates the marriage of sport and art through exploring and developing the art form of dancing on bikes.

The project uses sport and art to give power and weight to the presence of cycling, attracting new cyclists and lobbying for improved cycling conditions for all.

The Extraordinary Cycles

2009 Open Weekend event in Leamington Spa, included a public performance from World Champion Flatland BMX competitors, leisure rides, slow racing cycling events and the opportunity to enjoy the festival atmosphere of Leamington Spa Parade without cars.

World BMX Champion, Track Cycling Champion and Beijing Olympian Shanaze Reade made a guest appearance and answered questions from the members of the public on her successes as an elite athlete.

### How to join in with the Open Weekend

Open Weekend is open to all organisations and venues in the UK. The only criteria is that it:

- Takes place between July 22 – 24 2011
- Is non-commercial and not-for-profit
- Does not have any commercial sponsorship or offer any similar marketing rights – it should not provide a business with any rights to associate with, or be given visibility at the event
- Is open to everyone

Three easy steps to taking part:

#### Step 1:

Plan an event that shows your best and celebrates one year to go to the Games

#### Step 2:

Register your event no later than 5pm on Monday June 27 at [www.london2012.com/open-weekend](http://www.london2012.com/open-weekend)

#### Step 3:

Plan your event, making sure it's as sustainable as possible. Nearer the time you will be given details of how you can access the Open Weekend Brand Centre to help promote your event



## Big screen is live



The Live Site at Millennium Place

**Coventry has taken another step towards preparing for London 2012 as the city's Live Site screen is up and running in Millennium Place.**

The Live Sites Network is a collection of big screens that have been erected and run through a partnership between London 2012, the BBC and Local Authorities.

At Games time, the national network of screens will enable local communities to gather and share the excitement of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games as never before across the country of the Host City.

Additionally, Live Sites

offer a far more diverse range of activities other than just broadcasting major sporting fixtures.

They carry a combination of local, national news and other BBC content in addition to London 2012 updates, and can be used for partner films and local community-focused output such as university graduations or local art projects.

The screens are funded through support from Local Authorities, London 2012 official partners BT and Lloyds TSB, official supporter Cisco and the Olympic Lottery Distributor.

For more information about the Live Site visit: [www.coventry.gov.uk/livesite](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/livesite)

## 2012 is Golden for Coventry Cathedral



Coventry Cathedral will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2012

**Coventry Cathedral will celebrate its landmark golden jubilee in 2012.**

The occasion will recognise 50 years of service to the city of Coventry - and the world - through its unique international mission of peace and reconciliation and as a vibrant centre of learning and culture.

The Games' focus on celebrating the role of sport in sharing and understanding between nations creates a powerful connection with the mission of the cathedral as a world centre of reconciliation and with Coventry as city of

peace and reconciliation.

A range of events will take place as part of the golden jubilee programme including a newly commissioned piece as part of the Cultural Olympiad by James MacMillan, performed by children from the area and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra (CBSO).

There will also be multicultural events and theatrical performances, while the cathedral ruins will host elements of Imagineer's Godiva Awakes project. A week-long Flower Festival will also take place in partnership with the National Association

## London 2012 is coming to Coventry...

2011

### May 18 - June 29

London 2012 Moment to Shine Torchbearer nominations are open

### July 6

Lloyds TSB Torch Tour 2011 at Coventry's Live Site

### July 22 - 24

London 2012 Open Weekend celebrating one year to go

### September 9 - 30

Apply for London 2012 Paralympic tickets at [www.tickets.london2012.com](http://www.tickets.london2012.com)





# And the work begins...

**Work has started in Broadgate to create a new-look square – the first phase of improvement work that will transform the city.**

The plan for Broadgate is just one part of a £7 million plan that will also see two subways filled in to improve the connection from the railway station, and de-cluttering to improve the settings of some of the city's most historic and impressive buildings.

Local people said that they wanted the improvements to include more greenery so plans are also in place that will add grass and a tree-lined path outside Holy Trinity Church and grass in Bull Yard.

Councillor John Mutton, leader of Coventry City Council, said: "This work will help us create a legacy for local people and make the city more attractive to potential new investors.

"Not everyone likes sport, not everyone likes football, however our plans for the city centre will help local people

feel a renewed sense of pride during the Olympic year of 2012 and also well beyond.

"Local people have been involved from the beginning and there will be an opportunity soon for people to choose the trees they would like for the new square.

"This is an exciting time for Coventry – I hope people enjoy it and enjoy celebrating our city."

The Broadgate work will create a fantastic new square in the heart of the city – with paving that reflects the materials used throughout Coventry's history.

The new square will be pedestrianised but buses will still be close by. After feedback from local people - especially older people and those with mobility issues - a bus hub will be created in Ironmonger Square so that bus users can arrive at the top of the hill with easy access to Broadgate and West Orchards.

Buses will continue to use Broadgate for the next few months until the new routes are in place.



*"London 2012 provides a once in a lifetime opportunity."*

of Flower Arranging Societies and a new rose named Coventry Cathedral will be launched.

John Irvine, dean of Coventry, said: "We are thrilled to be part of the Cultural Olympiad, as we share the Olympic values of peace and reconciliation.

"London 2012 provides a once in a lifetime opportunity to both showcase Coventry to millions of people across the world and celebrate the

extraordinary spiritual and cultural heritage of the cathedral."

Further programme announcements will be made throughout the year. Visit [www.coventrycathedral.org.uk](http://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk) for details of a dedicated golden jubilee website to be launched soon.

Performing arts organisations interested in participating in the cathedral's golden jubilee programme should call Michael Foster, festival director, on 07530 113476 or e-mail [michael.foster@coventrycathedral.org.uk](mailto:michael.foster@coventrycathedral.org.uk)



Artist's impression of the new Broadgate Square

## April

London 2012 Olympic Football test event at the City of Coventry Stadium



## July 1

Olympic Torch Relay overnight celebration event in Coventry

## July 25

First Olympic Football match to be played at the City of Coventry Stadium

## July 27 - August 12

London 2012 Olympic Games

## August 29 - September 9

London 2012 Paralympic Games



## Are you inspired by London 2012?

**London 2012 wants to inspire the whole of the UK to be part of the 2012 Games and encourage people to get involved in new and exciting ways.**

The Inspire programme recognises projects that reflect the values and themes of London 2012 and will be an important part of the Games' lasting legacy.

The Inspire mark is the accreditation awarded to projects that have embraced the inspiration of 2012 Games and the values of the Olympic and Paralympic Movement.

The Inspire mark demonstrates that the project is of an exceptional standard and is endorsed by London 2012.

Any non-commercial organisation or fully funded project that is genuinely inspired or energised by the Games can apply to be part of the programme.

To gain the Inspire mark your project must also meet at least one of the key London 2012 priorities which are set under the themes of sport, business skills, education, volunteering, sustainability and culture.



*The Inspire mark demonstrates that the project is endorsed by London 2012.*

London 2012 is looking for truly inspirational ideas from communities right across the United Kingdom.

So if you have an exceptional Games-inspired project that people can take part in apply for the Inspire mark!

**To talk through your project application ideas with an inspire programmer, please contact Paul Kaynes, [paul.kaynes@artsCouncil.org.uk](mailto:paul.kaynes@artsCouncil.org.uk) for cultural projects and Marianne Bell, [mariannebell@advantagewm.co.uk](mailto:mariannebell@advantagewm.co.uk) for all other project themes.**

### Inspire mark profile: Teaching values through sport



**Inspiring young people through the Olympic Games at a Festival of Sport**

**The Festival of Sport project is about providing school children the opportunity to experience a variety of different Olympic and Paralympic sports, whilst inspiring excitement about the London 2012 Games and teaching them about the values and ethos of the Olympic Movement.**

The Festival of Sport project is funded as part of NHS Coventry's Physical and Sports Services in Our Neighbourhood network and

aims to inspire the children who participate in the programme to be the best they can be, and to be as physically active as possible.

The project is structured around week-long festivals, each focusing on different types of sports.

Additionally, the project supports existing school sports partnership events through adopting Olympic and Paralympic themes in the build up to the 2012 Games.

### Inspire mark profile: Coventry kids get creative

**Coventry Creative Futures works in partnership with Frontline AV to deliver a series of music and media workshops to groups of young people in priority neighbourhoods.**

The latest venture of the project saw the creation of an exciting production called 'On Track: Looking forward, not back.' The production

was described as a musically entangled tale of sport and music reflecting young people's journeys through life, inspired by the 2012 Olympic Games.

Creative Futures has increased and broadened the reach of the initial project which focused on sport, and now the project attracts a whole new range of young people who may not have been catered for through sports-based programmes.



**Creative Futures encourages young people to express themselves through arts performances**

## News in brief

### London 2012 announces Paralympic Games ticket schedule

London 2012 has published its prices for Paralympic Games tickets, with more than half of the two million tickets available priced at £10 or less. The Paralympic Games takes place between August 29 and September 9 2012, with 20 sports at 19 venues. More than 95 per cent of the tickets will be priced at £50 or less, with 75 per cent at £20 or less. Tickets go on sale at [www.tickets.london2012.com](http://www.tickets.london2012.com) from September 9 2011, with applications accepted until September 30.



Back row: Paralympians Libby Clegg, Liz Johnson, Front row: David Weir and Tanni Grey-Thompson at the launch of Paralympic ticket schedule

### Local Lloyds TSB customer wins London 2012 tickets in exclusive giveaway

Beverly Tapp, from Rugby, has won London 2012 tickets in an exclusive promotion from Lloyds TSB, Proud Partner of London 2012, which is seeing the bank give away 500 pairs of London 2012 tickets over 100 days. As one of the lucky 500 given the chance to watch the Games in 2012, Beverly said: "I am delighted to be one of the first people in Britain to know they have secured tickets to London 2012 and I'm grateful to Lloyds TSB for giving me the chance to go to the Games."



Beverly Tapp being presented with her tickets by Lloyds TSB Local Hero Rowena Cole

### Paralympics GB Fencing Team choose Coventry in lead up to London 2012

Members of the ParalympicsGB wheelchair fencing team have based their training operation at Coventry University's sports science department. They hope to develop training programmes and techniques during their time there which will give them a vital edge over competitors as they aim to be selected to compete at London 2012. The weekly sessions are organised by Coventry and Warwickshire fencing club Salle Ursa and the fencers are trained by the club's head coach, Peter Rome.

ParalympicsGB Fencers (L-R) Tom Hall-Butcher, Alan Sheriff, Craig McCann, Peter Rome (coach) and Simon Wilson



## Get Set profile: Park Hill Primary School

**Park Hill Primary is the first school in Coventry to be awarded the special Get Set Network status for reflecting the Olympic and Paralympic values in lessons and classroom projects.**

The school has links with partner schools in eight countries across the world, who are working to deliver a joint programme of activities inspired by London 2012.

These have included a challenge for all students to collectively walk, run, cycle or swim 40,000km (the circumference of the world), interviewing local athletes

and rewarding pupils who demonstrate their work towards the Olympic and Paralympic values.

The school has even had a letter from Dame Kelly Holmes who wrote specifically to show her support of the projects taking place at the school.

**Is your school registered on Get Set? Ask your teacher to register to get access to London 2012 resources, competitions and exclusive rewards. Register for Get Set at [www.getset.london2012.com](http://www.getset.london2012.com)**



Pupils from Park Hill Primary School celebrating their Get Set Network status

## Free tickets for school children

London 2012 has announced that a total of 50,000 tickets will be given to schools across the UK as part of the London 2012 Ticketshare scheme.

Schools will only be eligible for the tickets if they are part of the Get Set Network which is an element of the London 2012 education programme.

Members of the network will receive Ticketshare tickets, as well as a plaque and certificate and the right to use the London 2012 education

logo on their website, school sign and letterhead. They also gain access to 'money can't buy' prizes such as visits from athletes or tours of the Olympic Park.

Schools need to apply to join the London 2012 Get Set network by December 16 2011 to be eligible.

Further information on how to be part of the Get Set network and claim tickets is available at: [www.london2012.com/getset](http://www.london2012.com/getset)



London 2012 chair Seb Coe and Mayor of London Boris Johnson promoting the Ticketshare scheme

## Live Site events

- July 3 Wimbledon Finals day
- July 6 Lloyds TSB Torch Tour
- July 22 - 24 London 2012 Open Weekend
- September 8 International Paralympic Day

Check the Coventry's 2012 Games website for full details [www.coventry.gov.uk/london2012](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/london2012)

## London 2012 Hopeful



### Laura Hunter-Thomas Fencing

Laura, aged 19 from Rugby, was selected to attend the Oregon Fencing Alliance in the United States where she has trained for over four years under the guidance of Ed Korfanty, one of the world's best coaches and U.S. National Women's Sabre coach. Having already beaten World and Olympic champions whilst being ranked sixth in the GB rankings, Laura has her eyes firmly set on London 2012 and achieving her dream of Olympic glory. Talking of her aspirations, Laura said: "The Olympic Games is my biggest goal in fencing. I have always wanted to go. It's every athlete's dream."

# Competition

Win a limited edition pin badge marking 500 days to go until London 2012 by answering the following question correctly.

**Q: What Olympic sport will be played in Coventry as part of the London 2012 Games?**

- A) Basketball
- B) Football
- C) Volleyball

Please send your answer followed by your name, address and contact number by e-mail to [communications@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:communications@coventry.gov.uk)

Entries by Monday July 4 2011 please. Winner will be announced after July 7 2011 at [www.coventry.gov.uk/london2012](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/london2012)



## Next issue:

### Coventry Community Games Fund



Find out how you can apply for funding to assist in staging your own Community Games inspired by London 2012.

## Olympic Legend



### Basil Heatley Athletics

#### 1964 Olympic Games

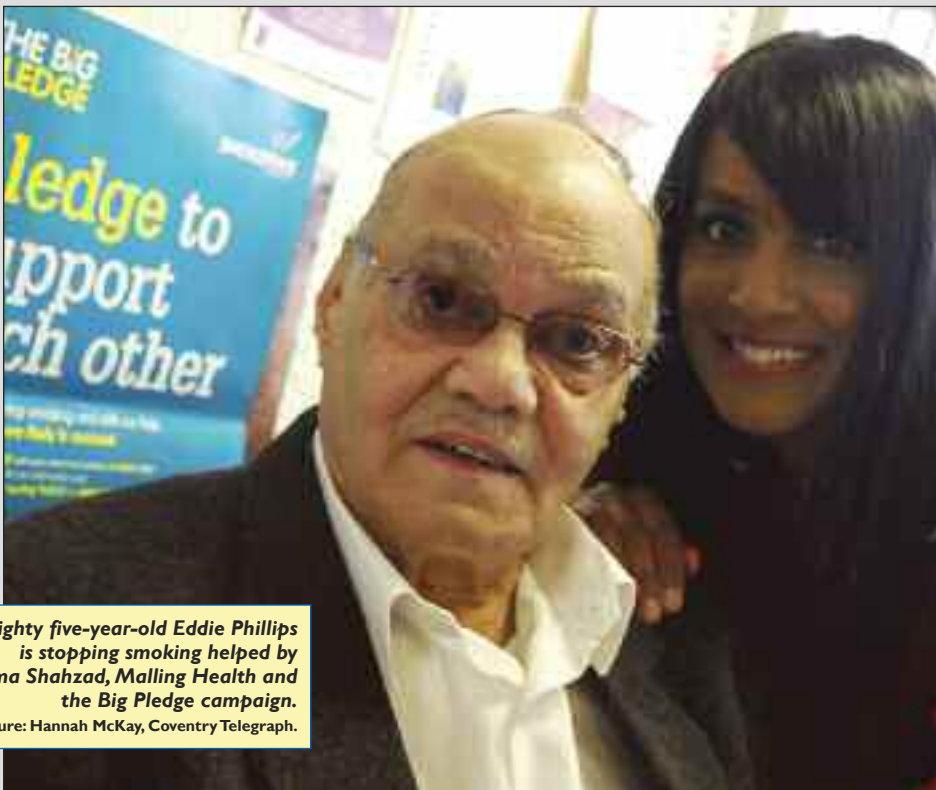
Basil, aged 77 from Coventry, had a successful athletics career running for Coventry Godiva Harriers which reached a climax in 1964 where he ran a world best time for the marathon of 2hr 13mins 55secs. He followed up this result with a silver medal in the Marathon at the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo. Basil also won the English Cross-Country Championships on three occasions, and in 1961, at Nantes, France, he was the winner of the International Cross-Country Championships.



Search for Coventry 2012 Games:



Coventry City Council, Council House, Earl Street, Coventry, CV1 5RR  
e-mail: [2012gamesenquiries@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:2012gamesenquiries@coventry.gov.uk)



■ Eighty five-year-old Eddie Phillips is stopping smoking helped by Seema Shahzad, Malling Health and the Big Pledge campaign.

\* Picture: Hannah McKay, Coventry Telegraph.

Grandfather Eddie Phillips has proved it's never too late to stop smoking – by stubbing out his final cigarette at the age of 85.

After a lifetime of lighting up, the former factory foreman decided to stop because he was scared his habit would kill him.

So Eddie, of Foleshill, signed up to the city's Big Pledge campaign, which is backed by the Coventry Telegraph.

He said: "I could feel I was getting a bit short of breath. If I tried to run I had to stop pretty quickly to catch my breath."

Starting when he was 23 years-old, Eddie smoked 10 cigarettes per day, though that number increased after a brush with death when he was electrocuted

## It's never too late to make the pledge

in an accident at work.

Eddie had never tried to quit before, but decided to give it a go after seeing the Big Pledge advertised during a visit to University Hospital.

The advisors gave him a piggy bank to store the money he would save and referred him to the stop-smoking service run by the Malling Health clinic near his home, where the team there offered him 24-hour patches and fortnightly appointments to support him.

Healthcare assistant Seema Shahzad, from Malling Health, said Eddie

was the oldest patient she had helped to quit so far.

"A lot of people who come to me say they have been nagged into it. I'm not here to judge, I'm just here to help and support them. The motivation has to come from them."

Malling Health only launched its stop smoking service in Coventry last month but it has already helped 40 people to take the first step to a smoke-free future at its Foleshill and Stoke Aldermoor clinics.

To make your pledge to stop smoking, contact 0800 051 1310.

## Coventry & Warwickshire Partnership Trust

### Place of safety for those in mental distress

A brand new assessment suite to help vulnerable people experiencing mental distress has now opened in Coventry.

The new facility provides a 'Place of Safety' for vulnerable adults detained by the Police under the Mental Health Act.

The Suite will operate under strict regulations set out in section 136 of the Act, and opened for service in April at the Caludon Centre, at Walsgrave Hospital.

It will be run by Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust, who provide mental health services across the area.

Dr Robert Holmes, the trust's associate medical director, explained: "For some people, the experience of mental distress can leave them extremely vulnerable.

"They may be very unwell and in these circumstances need health and social care assessments by experienced professionals in a suitable environment. We are delighted that we will be able to provide this much-needed service.

"We hope to assess most people brought to the suite within four hours. A decision will then be taken on whether to admit the person to hospital, recommend community treatment, or discharge them."

### Full marks for the Caludon Centre

Care at the Caludon Centre has also been given a clean bill of health by national inspectors.

A new report published in May by NHS inspectors says mental health services there are doing a great job. A quality inspection team from the Care Quality Commission visited the centre, meeting staff and patients and reviewing procedures.

### Come along to trust's Health Day

Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust is holding a Health Day at the Ricoh Arena on September 1.

The event will feature information stalls, 'hands on' health treatments, discussion seminars and the trust annual general meeting.

If you would like to attend contact enquiries@covwarkpt.nhs.uk or call 024 7658 8856.

## FACTfile: So what's this Big Pledge all about...?

The Big Pledge is the city's largest ever stop smoking campaign, run by NHS Coventry and backed by the Smokefree Alliance and the Coventry Telegraph.

It has helped more than 1,200 people to take the first step towards giving up

smoking since it launched in March. Smoking will cause around 450 deaths in Coventry this year.

Yet more than a quarter of adults in the city continue to smoke - well above the national average.

Health chiefs hope that

convincing nearly one in five to quit by the end of 2012 will dramatically reduce the number of premature deaths.

To make your pledge visit [www.thebigpledge.co.uk](http://www.thebigpledge.co.uk), text PLEDGE followed by your name and address to 81025 or call 0800 051 1310.

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## University Hospital Coventry &amp; Warwickshire round-up

# The wait for smear results is slashed



Ninety-eight per cent of women in Coventry and Warwickshire now get their smear test results within two weeks.

It's good news for women like Laura Robson (pictured) whose routine smear test found pre-cancerous cells in her cervix (the neck of her womb) last August. If left untreated she would have been at much higher risk of developing deadly cervical cancer.

Laura, 29, of Coventry, said: "I had no symptoms and no family history of cervical

cancer, so without the smear test, I'd never have known I was at risk. It's quite scary because a lot of young women probably don't realise they are at risk or go for screening."

A painless procedure called a biopsy was carried out under local anaesthetic removing the aggressive cells in less than half an hour.

The laboratory at University Hospital is the biggest cervical screening unit in the West Midlands, dealing with 65,000 samples every year.

Cervical cancer is one of the most common cancers in younger women, so the screening programme is open to any woman over the age of 25.

Ruth Tennant, public health consultant at NHS Coventry, said screening and the HPV vaccine were the best ways to protect against cervical cancer. She urged anyone who had missed their appointment to contact their GP to arrange a test.

**Laura Robson:** "A lot of young women probably don't realise they are at risk or go for screening..."

## UHCW guarantees single sex wards

All patients admitted to University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire (UHCW) will be looked after on a single sex ward.

The trust is now fully compliant in meeting the Department of Health standard on single sex accommodation, meaning patients will only share the room where they sleep with members of the same sex.

Jill Foster, acting chief nursing officer at UHCW, said: "Some patients feel very uncomfortable about sharing mixed accommodation which could be for a variety of personal and cultural reasons. We understand that privacy and dignity are priorities for patients and are eliminating mixed sex accommodation.

## Trust is recognised for Equality and Diversity

University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust is one of just 13 trusts nationally to have been awarded Equality and Diversity partner status.

The accolade was awarded by NHS Employers in recognition of the trust's "enormous commitment to embedding equality, diversity and human rights into the core business of your organisation".

Andrew Hardy, chief executive officer, said: "We are immensely proud to be named as an Equality and Diversity Partner. We take our responsibility of being the second biggest employer in Coventry extremely seriously and hope this demonstrates to all our genuine commitment to this."



■ Patient Mihlyo Necic at the one-stop prostate clinic with (centre) consultants Kieran Jefferson and (right) Donald MacDonald.

## Rapid results with hospital's one-stop prostate clinic

Men with suspected prostate cancer are benefiting from a new one-stop prostate clinic to avoid unnecessary delays in diagnosis and treatment for patients at University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust (UHCW).

Consultants Kieran Jefferson and Donald MacDonald set-up the new one-stop prostate clinic to help start treatment earlier for those patients found to have cancer using a £35,000 ultrasound scanner.

Patients who are treated at the super-fast clinic are being assessed and treated quicker than ever before. Some patients who are diagnosed with prostate cancer will be treated as early as the next day. Before the clinic was set-up some patients were waiting for up to four weeks for a scan.

Mr Mihlyo Necic, aged 69, from Radford in Coventry, has experienced the benefits of being through the one-stop prostate clinic.

He said: "I cannot praise this facility highly enough. My cancer was diagnosed by my doctor on a Monday and I was booked in to see my consultant Mr Jefferson first thing Tuesday morning, and he started my treatment immediately. I am really impressed with the care, courtesy and reassurance I have received from Mr Jefferson and his team.

"I realise how important it is to have an early diagnosis – it certainly made all the difference to me – and I would advise anyone out there who thinks they might have a prostate problem to see their doctor without delay."



# CITY PRIDE IS KEY TO GODIVA FESTIVAL

# www.godivafestival.com

The UK's biggest free three-day family event, the Godiva Festival, is returning for its 14th consecutive year from July 1 to 3. The festival, which for the first time is being produced by the Council, includes a weekend of family entertainment and live performances.

Major improvement and regeneration work is taking place in the War Memorial Park. And council leaders are determined that any disruption to the event can be managed so that the festival will deliver an excellent family event for the city to celebrate.

Cllr John Mutton, Leader of Coventry City Council, explained: "The Godiva Festival is the jewel in the crown in the Coventry events calendar and despite the challenges we have faced with the park we are determined to give Coventry residents a festival they can continue to be proud of. CV One has done a tremendous job over the years to create an award winning festival and we are committed to delivering this

event, building on their excellent work.

"Unfortunately, this year we have had to scale the festival back a little, due to the work going on in and around the park, which has meant that there will be no additional family field. However, we have introduced more of a family element into the main field area to ensure there is something for everyone. We hope it will help create a family-friendly atmosphere in this area."

He added: "Our main focus this year is to get local people involved in their festival and give it back to the people of Coventry. So our programme of entertainment will reflect this with local musicians, artists and performers who will have the opportunity to showcase their talents alongside mainstream artists."



## WHAT'S ON

### FRIDAY 1 JULY

The Godiva Festival will be welcoming a variety of legends to grace the main stage as part of the Back to the '80s evening on Friday, July 1. The retro themed night includes '80s legends Heaven 17 (below left) and Blancmange supported by synth pop band The Mirrors and the MidiMidis. As well as the impressive live sets, there will also be disco classics and prize giveaways adding to the excitement. Plus, if you're looking for laughs then you won't be disappointed as the popular Comedy Tent is back with top comedians ensuring you'll have a great night of entertainment.

### SATURDAY 2 JULY

The Godiva Carnival 2011, titled Dawn of Godiva, will celebrate the values of both Godiva and the Olympic and Paralympic Games, symbolised by spectacular carnival costumes by International award winning carnival designer Brian MacFarlane. New for this year, Godiva Unsigned will feature local artists and bands, who will get the chance to showcase their talent to a new audience and on the main stage on Saturday. Coventry-based five piece, The Shackletons, will make their main stage debut with an infusion of sublime blues rock inspired by Neil Young, Frank Zappa and The Faces, followed by Coventry two-piece The Tones, who have enjoyed a somewhat meteoric rise to prominence across the Midlands region and beyond with their brand of catchy melodies and quality harmonies.

Nationwide Mercury nominated indie-rock trio The Young Knives, noted for being one of the best live bands in the UK, will showcase their tight punchy sound that goes against their almost geekish anti-rock look, the band are taking in

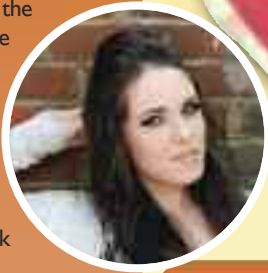
■ Lee House, senior event officer for Coventry Council with Cllr Tony Skipper and local club and bar representatives.





The Godiva Festival as part of their current UK tour.

Having now established himself as a more than credible solo artist, Jon Fratelli is more widely known as the front man of Scottish indie band The Fratellis, who took the world by storm with the release of their first album *Costello Music*, serving up two massive top ten hits. Lovers of the band's work will instantly warm to Jon's solo work from his debut album *Psycho*.



Left: Kimisha Shankle in Flame outfit at the festival launch.



## SUNDAY 3 JULY

The final day of Godiva welcomes a relaxed and acoustic feel to close the three-day event. International sensation, Sandi Thom will be headlining with support from the likes of Acapella phenomenon The Magnets, while The Ripps and Anthony Harty will be giving a real local feel to the afternoon's performances.

Sandi Thom (*above*) is the platinum selling Scottish singer-songwriter who brings her own unique blend of punk-blues stylings to the proceedings, having long since proven the power of her song writing and vocal abilities.

Further entertainment on the day will come with dance performances from Freeman Dance and their Elite Dance Group and kids' favourites Popblast, who will have the youngest members of the audience up dancing, singing and getting involved in the carnival atmosphere.

For all the latest details about the Godiva Festival, please visit [www.godivafestival.com](http://www.godivafestival.com)



Below: Dancers from Freeman Dance School.

Topping the bill, South London songsmiths Athlete have been playing to huge audiences and collecting critical acclaim along the way, since coming to prominence with the spirited electro-tinged indie pop and Mercury Prize nominated debut album *Vehicles and Animals*.

With more than a million albums sold to date and continuing to pack out venues across the land, Mercury prizes and UK album chart-topping success have followed Athlete on their musical journey. Godiva's Rhythm Tent will play host to a wide range of Commercial Urban music and artists, with a little bit of everything from 2 Tone to rap and reggae. Lethal Bizzle gained both success and headlines in equal measures when he released the single *Pow (Forward) aka Forward Riddim*. Throughout the day the Rhythm Tent will also have live music from some of Coventry's very own artists, including Coventry's own 2 Tone legends The Selector will be playing some of their greatest hits from the last four decades to their home crowds. Further support will come from Akala, King Charles and another local boy made good, rapidly rising star Ghostpoet.

Legendary reggae stars Musical Youth will also be transporting us back to the early '80s.

Throughout the weekend there will be family attractions including a retro roller-skating rink, popular BBC children's show *Bang Goes The Theory* roadshow, Human Circus and a fun-fair.



## Health Village gets revellers in shape

NHS Coventry and Coventry Health Improvement Project (CHIP) will be creating a special Health Village at this year's Godiva Festival. The village will feature events, competitions and special guest appearances to encourage all the family to improve their health and wellbeing. Fay Baillie, director of nursing, quality and engagement for NHS Coventry, said: "The Godiva Festival is a great opportunity for us to find out the views of a wide range of people that we wouldn't normally have the chance to speak to."

# All set for summer sizzle

Here are some of the things you can enjoy during the summer months around Coventry

## JUNE

■ **Until July 3 – Positive Images Festival.**

■ **Saturday 18 – Vole Volunteers,** Guphill Brook, Whoberley, 10am-3pm. Help enhance the habitat of the endangered water vole at a series of volunteer days to remove invasive plant species and re plant with native foodplant. Organised in partnership with Warwickshire Wildlife Trust tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided. Bring your own lunch if you plan to stay the whole day. For aged 16plus. Booking is essential, call 024 7683 1951. Event also at **Lakeview Park** on Wednesday 22, Saturday 25 and Wednesday July 20 (10am-3pm) and **Longford Park** on Wednesday 29 and Saturday July 2 (10am-3pm).

■ **Saturday 18 (until Sunday 26) – Bike week,** Coombe Country Park. Rediscover the fun of cycling by joining us on marked cycle routes on Saturday June 25. An expert will be on hand to give your bike a once over. Call 024 7645 3720 to book for safety checks on Saturday, 11am-1pm.

■ **Saturday 18 – The Life and Soul of Ray King.** Speaker Vibert Cornwell, Central Library, 11-11.45am.

■ **Sunday 19 – Race for Life,** Coventry city centre.

■ **Sunday 19 – Wild West Sunday,** Allesley Park, 10am-noon, Longford Park, 2-4pm. A session of activities for cowboys and indians. Cost £2 or £1 Passport to Leisure and Learning. Meet near the play area. Suitable for parents and children from eight-12 years. Booking essential. Call 024 7645 3720.

■ **Saturday 25 (and Sunday 26) – Rokeby Artists summer exhibition,** Coombe Country Park 10am-5pm. Free exhibition and demonstrations of watercolour, pastel and oil painting.

■ **Saturday 25 (and Sunday 26) – Let's get arty!** Coombe Country Park, 10am-5pm. Free kids arty painting and drawing sessions with local artists. Part of the Rokeby Artists' summer exhibition. Drop in at the Visitor Centre. Session. No booking required.

■ **Saturday 25 – Green Fayre,** War Memorial Park. Sustainability and fair-trade themed event.

■ **Saturday 25 – Teddy Bears Picnic.** War Memorial Park, 11am-1pm. Bring your teddy and a picnic!

■ **Saturday 25 – Community Arts Festival,** Cardinal Newman School, noon-4pm. Fun for all the family with circus skills, dance, music, craft stalls and much more. Plus the Kombat Breakers!

■ **Sunday 26 – Wolston and Brandon Open Gardens and Scarecrow Hunt.** Wolston, noon-6pm. Scarecrow Hunt, stalls, and events throughout the day. Entrance £3 adults. Proceeds to the local churches, school and local surgery. For details, call 024 7654 3901.

## JULY

■ **Friday 1 (until Sunday 3) – Godiva Festival 2011,** War Memorial Park. See page 16 for full details, or go to [www.godivafestival.com](http://www.godivafestival.com)

■ **Saturday 9 – Summer tracking skills.** Coombe Country Park, 10.30am to 12.30pm. A walk, discovering how to track animals and birds. Cost £2.50. Meet outside Visitor Centre. Suitable for adults. Booking essential, call 024 7645 3720.

■ **Saturday 9 – Summer Fair,** Allesley Primary School, Allesley Village, 1.30-4pm. Stalls, dance events, cheerleading and a marching band display. Plus Allesley Carnival on the same day. The procession starts from Jaguar Heritage Centre, Browns Lane at 12.30pm. It continues through Allesley Village and finishes at the school. Entrance 50p, with funds going to the school.

■ **Saturday 16 (also Saturday September 3) – Tennis Open Day.** Free Tennis Open Day at the War Memorial Park tennis courts. 10am-noon juniors (ages 9-15), 10.15-11am children (ages 5-8). Session 1, 2-2.45pm children. Session 2, 1-3pm adults (ages 16+). For advance booking, call Inspire 2 Coach on 024 7615 0688 or e-mail: [infor@inspire2coach.co.uk](mailto:infor@inspire2coach.co.uk)

For details of a comprehensive tennis programme delivered by inspire2coach, visit [www.inspire2coach.co.uk](http://www.inspire2coach.co.uk)

■ **Saturday 16 – The Melodic Gift of Hoagy Carmichael.** Speaker Ray Witham, Central Library, 11-11.45am.

■ **Monday 25 – Fishing for beginners,** Coombe Country Park (also Friday August 12, 10.30am-12.30pm, Friday August 19 and Monday August 22, 2.30-4.30pm).

Have a go at fishing with our fishery estate officer. All equipment provided. Cost £2.50. Meet at Visitor Centre. Suitable for families. Booking essential as places are limited, please call 024 7645 3720.

■ **Monday 25 – Love Parks.** Longford Park, 1.30-3.30pm. Free crafty fun with the Rangers, for eight to 12 year olds. Booking essential, call 024 7645 3720. Also at **Allesley Park** on Tuesday 26, 1.30-3.30pm, Caludon Castle Park on Wednesday 27, 1.30-3.30pm, and Holbrooks Park on Thursday, July 28, 1.30-3.30pm.

■ **Tuesday 26 – Beautiful flutterby,** Coombe Country Park, 11am-1pm. Join us in the wildflower meadow and explore the wonderful world of butterflies and make nectar drinkers to take home. Cost £2.50. Meet at wildflower meadow. Suitable for children five years plus. Booking essential, call 024 7645 3720.

■ **Wednesday 27 – Love Parks Week - I love the War Memorial Park,** War Memorial Park, 1-3pm. Create park-themed pictures and collages. Free. Suitable for children aged four years and over.

■ **Thursday 28 (also August 4) – Iris May Falcons,** Coombe Country Park, 11am-1pm. Get up close and personal with fearsome birds of prey. Free. Meet outside Visitor Centre.

## AUGUST

■ **Starting Monday 1 – Fresh Air Fun.** Free crafty fun with the Rangers, for eight to 12 year olds. All from 1.30-3.30pm.

**Monday 1** The Lindfield,

**Tuesday 2** Nauls Mill.

**Wednesday 3** Primrose Hill.

**Thursday 4 August** Quinton Park.

**Monday 8 August** Radford Common Play Area.

**Tuesday 9** Longford Park.

**Wednesday 10** Allesley Park.

**Thursday 11** Caludon Castle Park.

**Monday 15** Holbrooks Park.

**Tuesday 16** The Lindfield.

**Wednesday 17** Primrose Hill Park.

**Thursday 18** Nauls Mill.

**Monday 22** Quinton Park.

**Tuesday 23** Radford Common.

**Wednesday 24** Allesley Park.

**Thursday 25** Longford Park.

**Tuesday 30** Caludon Castle Park.

**Wednesday 31** Holbrooks Park.

**Thursday 1 Sep** The Lindfield..

■ **Tuesday 2 – Survival team: Den Building.** Coombe Country Park, 11am-1pm. Can you build a den to keep out the weather? We will show you tricks to create the perfect shelter. Cost £2.50. Meet at Visitor Centre. Suitable for children aged five and over. Booking essential, please call 024 7645 3720.

■ **Wednesday 3 – Native American Crafts.** War Memorial Park, 1-3pm. Make some Native American arts and crafts. Cost 50p. Suitable for children aged four years and over. Drop in session, pay on day at park.

■ **Thursday 4 – Lucky ladybirds,** Coombe Country Park, 11am-1pm. Come on a ladybird hunt, and help to build them a new home for your garden. Cost £2.50. Meet at Visitor Centre. Suitable for children aged five and over. Booking essential, call 024 7645 3720.

■ **Friday 5 – Beginners Mammal Night,** Coombe Country Park, 9-11pm. Take a walk learning how to track Coombe's creatures of the night. Cost £2.50. Meet outside Visitor Centre. Suitable for adults, for a similar activity aimed at families see August 12. Booking essential, call 024 7645 3720.

■ **Saturday 6 – Donkey Derby and Charities Fair,** War Memorial Park, noon-5.30pm. [www.leofrictions.org.uk/Donkey.shtml](http://www.leofrictions.org.uk/Donkey.shtml)

■ **Sunday 7 (until Saturday 13) – SPARK in the Park,** War Memorial Park. Local Christian churches invite you to come along and enjoy their family fun week of activities. Free.

■ **Tuesday 9 – Survival team: Camp fires for beginners,** Coombe Country Park, 11am-1pm. Building camp fires out of natural materials. Cost £2.50. Meet at Visitor Centre. Suitable for children aged 8 years and over. Booking essential, call 024 7645 3720.

■ **Wednesday 10 – Bring me sunshine,** War Memorial Park, 1-3pm. Get arty making summer pictures and collages. Cost 50p. Drop in session, pay on day at park.

For a full list, visit [www.coventry.gov.uk/events](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/events)

## Make a date with Bands in The Park

The programme starts in June, and runs through to August, with lots of old favourites and a few new exciting bands. All the concerts take place on Sundays from 2.30-4pm.

### JUNE

- 19: Allesley Hall - **Jaguar Band**;
- 26: Spencer Park - **The Coventry Consortium Big Band**.

### JULY

- 10: Caludon Castle Park - **The Cubbington Silver Band**;
- 17: Spencer Park - **Coventry Corps of Drums**;
- 24: War Memorial Park - **The Coventry City Salvation Band**;
- 31: Allesley Hall - **The Dene River Jazzmen**.

### AUGUST

- 7: Spencer Park - **The Phoenix Rock 'n' Roll Showband**;
- 14: War Memorial Park - **The Coventry Festival Band**;
- 21: Allesley Hall 2.30pm - **The New Washboard Sycopators**;
- 28: War Memorial Park - **The Gershwin Gang**.



- **Thursday 11 – Fabulous flowers and beastly bugs**, Coombe Country Park, 11am-1pm. Get creative in the fresh air making fabulous flowers or beastly bugs to take home. Cost £2.50. Meet at wildflower meadow. Suitable for children aged five and over. Drop in session.

- **Friday 12 – Bonkers about bats**, Coombe Country Park, 8.30-10.30pm. A walk looking for Coombe's batty bats. Cost £2.50. Meet outside Visitor Centre near Blue Badge car park. Suitable for families. Booking essential, call 024 7645 3720.

- **Sunday 14 – The Vintage Motorcycle Club Parade**, Coombe Country Park. First motorcycle leaves at 11am, returning at approx 2.30pm.

- **Tuesday 16 – Fun in the Park**, Coombe Country Park, 11am-1pm. Fun filled games and challenges. Cost £2.50. Meet at Visitor Centre. Suitable for children aged eight and over. Booking essential, call 024 7645 3720.

- **Wednesday 17 – Let's go fly a kite**, War Memorial Park, 1-3pm. Come and make yourself a kite. Cost £1. Suitable for children aged seven and over. Drop in session, pay on day at park.

- **Saturday 20 – Green Fayre**, War Memorial Park. Stalls, food, crafts, music and advice. Contact Andy Littlewood on 024 7683 2330.

- **Saturday 20 – All Ears**, Central Library, 11-11.45am. The first in an annual series of open forums where individuals from the audience will be asked play CD tracks or excerpts and to explain their significance for them. All suggestions to Kevin Cryan c/o Central Library.

- **Sunday 21 – Big Fun Run**, War Memorial Park, 11am start. Run 5km around the park for a

charity of your choice. [www.bigfunrun.com](http://www.bigfunrun.com)

- **Tuesday 23 – Get set for autumn**, Coombe Country Park, 11am-12.30pm. Search for berries, take bark rubbings and make a collage to take home. Cost £2.50. Suitable for children aged four to seven. Booking essential, call 024 7645 3720.

- **Tuesday 23 – Out of This World!** War Memorial Park, 1-3pm. Make space themed arts and crafts. Cost 50p. Suitable for children four and over. Drop in session, pay on day at park.

- **Saturday 27 (until Monday 29) – Playwrights Music Festival**, Playwrights, Hay Lane. In aid of local charity Mercia MS Therapy Centre. Live music, good food, families welcome, free entry. For more information, call Mick on 024 7623 1441.

### SEPTEMBER

- **Saturday 3 – Come build a scarecrow!** Coombe Country Park, 12.30-2pm. Build a scarecrow using materials found in the park. Cost: £2.50, prize for best scarecrow. Meet at Visitor Centre. Suitable for families. Please bring old clothes with you to dress your scarecrow. Booking essential, call 024 7645 3720.

- **Saturday 10 (and Sunday 11) – Heritage Open Days**, Coombe Country Park, 11am-3pm. Pick up a trail and discover what life at Coombe was really like over 200 years ago. Learn about Matilda's curse and the legendary headless horsemen. Free and suitable for families. Meet at the Visitor Centre.

- **Sunday 11 – Know your history**, War Memorial Park, 1-3pm. Fun history lesson about the park in days gone by. Also, make models of the War Memorial. Drop in event.

- **Sunday 11 – Mutt Strutt**, Allesley Park, 10am-2pm. Join the RSPCA on this sponsored dog walk. Booking details at [www.rspca-coventry.org.uk](http://www.rspca-coventry.org.uk)

- **Sunday 11 – Cov Art Fair (autumn edition)**, Coventry Canal Basin, 11am-4pm. [www.thelockgallery.co.uk](http://www.thelockgallery.co.uk)

- **Saturday 18 – Robert Burns' 368** -Talk by Kevin Cryan. Central library 11-11.45am

- **Saturday 18 – The wild food guide**, Coombe Country Park, 2-4pm. Fancy foraging and gathering wild foods, but how do you know what's edible, what's ripe and where to go looking? Cost £4 includes a bowl of mushroom soup. Meet at Visitor Centre. Suitable for adults. Booking essential, call 024 7645 3720.

- **Wednesday 21 – Ranger Volunteer Day**, Stoneywood Road pond, off Woodway Lane, 10am-3.30pm. Help build a habitat island in the middle of Stoneywood pond. Free and suitable for adults and young people 16 and over.

- **Thursday 22 (until Saturday October 1) – Barkers Fun Fair**, Hearsall Common. Weeknights 6-10pm, Saturday 2-10pm, Sunday 2-8pm.

- **Saturday 24 – Fishing the next stage**, Coombe Country Park, 10.30am-2.30pm. If you have fished a little before then this is the perfect activity for you. We will be looking at different types of fishing, casting and fish care. Cost £2.50. Meet at Fishery Car Park. Suitable for children who completed the introductory session. Booking essential limited spaces, call 024 7645 3720.

- **Sunday 25 – Harvest Time**, War Memorial Park, 1-3pm. Make a scarecrow and other harvest time arts and crafts. Cost 50p. Suitable for children aged four and over. Drop in session, pay on day.

### OCTOBER

- **Saturday 22 – The Second Time Around**. Talk with Kell Elliott. Central Library, 11-11.45am. For more information, visit [www.keelliott.com](http://www.keelliott.com)

## The Citivision listings page

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

**Herbert** Art Gallery & Museum, Coventry

**WALKING WITH BEASTS** EXHIBITION

2 July – 30 October 2011

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 Adults: £1.95 / Concessions: £1.95 / Under 16s: FREE  
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Herbert Art Gallery & Museum, Coventry  
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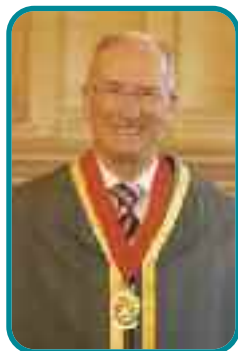
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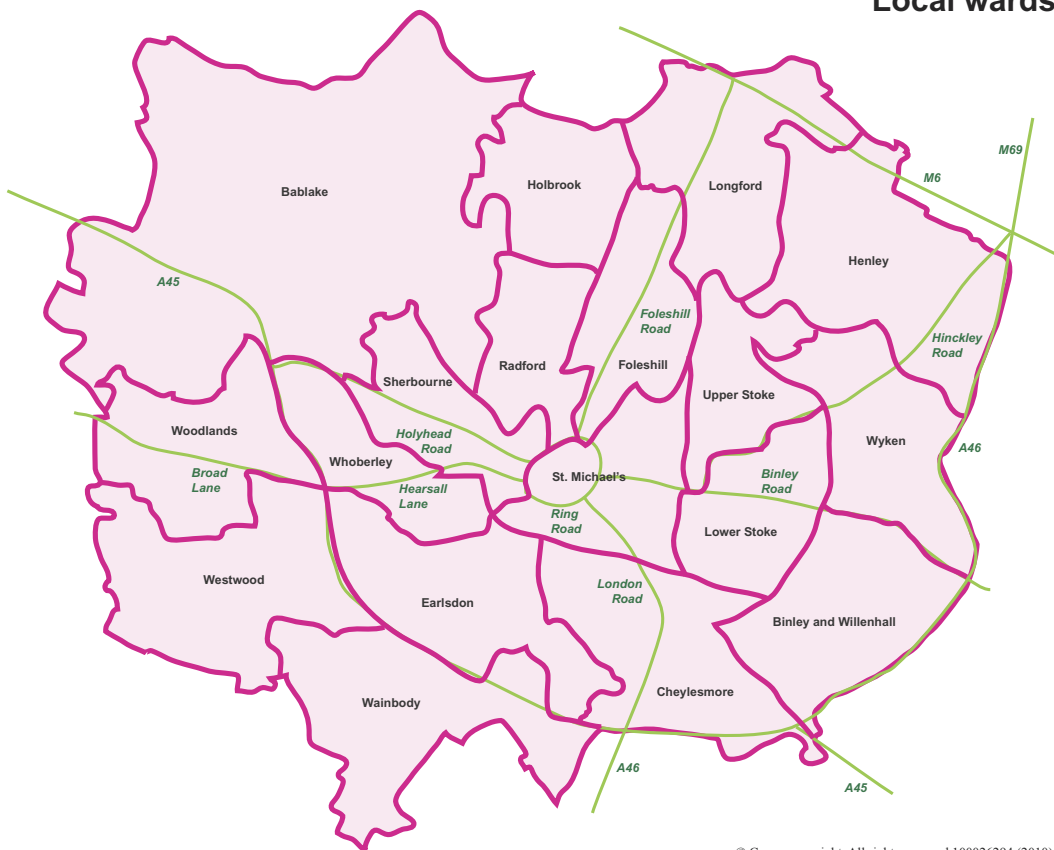


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## Local wards



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- C - Conservative
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**I BABLAKE**

**Cllr John Gazey:** Call or fax 024 7633 3780 for attention or appointment. Will visit you.  
**Cllr David Kershaw:** Keresley surgery held at the Coronation Club, Keresley Road noon-1.30pm the first Saturday in the month. Allesley surgery held at Allesley Parish Church Hall, 5-6pm on the second Monday of the month. For an appointment please call 07985 81 1885 or 024 7671 1107 or e-mail david.kershaw@coventry.gov.uk  
**Cllr Andrew Williams:** Call 024 7683 1039 or e-mail andrew.williams@coventry.gov.uk

**I BINLEY & WILLENHALL**

**Cllr Dave Chater:** For an appointment, call 024 7667 2619 or 07759 062733. Happy to make a home visit or e-mail dave.chater@coventry.gov.uk  
**Cllr Ram P Lakha OBE:** For an appointment, call 024 7645 6161 or 024 7683 1039. Happy to make a home visit. e-mail ram.lakha@btinternet.com or ram.lakha@coventry.gov.uk  
**Cllr John Mutton:** Call 024 7683 2672 for an appointment or advice.

**I CHEYLESMORE**

Cllrs Foster and Noonan hold regular surgeries at the Cheylesmore Community Centre at 6.30-8pm on the last Wednesday of each month (except December) and at Whitley Community Centre every second Saturday of the month between 1-2pm. You can also contact them directly on the details below.  
**Cllr Kevin Foster:** 024 7683 1276 (daytime) or e-mail kevin.foster@coventry.gov.uk  
**Cllr Hazel Noonan:** 024 7683 1034 (daytime) or 024 7650 5109 (evenings), or e-mail hazel.noonan@coventry.gov.uk  
**Cllr Harjinder Singh Sehmi:** Last Friday of the month at Cheylesmore Social Club, Quinton Park, 6-7pm or call for an appointment on 07507 687268 or e-mail harjinder.singhsehmi@coventry.gov.uk

**I EARLSDON**

**Cllr Allan Andrews:** Happy to help where I can. Call 024 7683 1039 or e-mail allan.andrews@coventry.gov.uk www.allanandrews.com  
**Cllr Michael Hammon:** Call 024 7644 8585 for an appointment or e-mail michael.hammon@coventry.gov.uk  
**Cllr Ken Taylor OBE:** Call 024 7667 3717 for an appointment.

**I FOLESHILL**

**Cllr Tariq Khan:** For an appointment, call 024 7683 1039 or 07983 600286 e-mail tariq.khan@coventry.gov.uk  
**Cllr Abdul Salam Khan:** Call 024 7683 1039 (Council House) or 07903 847160, or e-mail abdul.khan@coventry.gov.uk  
**Cllr Malkiat Auluck:** Last Monday of each month, 6-7pm at the Indian Community Centre, Cross Road, 2nd Tuesday of the month 6.30pm-7.30pm at the Foleshill Community Centre, Foleshill Road, or call 024 7663 7965 for an appointment.

**I HENLEY**

**Cllr Lynnette Kelly:** 024 7671 1682. e-mail lynnette.kelly@coventry.gov.uk  
**Cllr Kevin Maton:** 07941 827229. e-mail kevin.maton@coventry.gov.uk  
**Cllr Ed Ruane:** 07817 218137. e-mail ed.ruane@coventry.gov.uk. If there is something you need us to help with, call us or visit us at 4pm on the 3rd Thursday of every month at Moat House Leisure Centre, Winston Avenue, Henley Green.

**I HOLBROOKS**

**Cllr Joe Clifford:** Every Weds 6.30-7.30pm at Holbrook Community Care Association, Holbrooks Lane. Call 024 7646 5315 or e-mail joseph.clifford@coventry.gov.uk  
**Cllr Rachel Lancaster:** Call 024 7636 0021 or e-mail rachel.lancaster@coventry.gov.uk for an appointment.

**Cllr Ann Lucas:** Call 024 7633 2084 for a chat or appointment. Surgery on first Monday of each month 9.30-10.30am at Holbrook Health Centre, Wheelwright Lane.

**I LONGFORD**

**Cllr Linda Bigham:** First Friday of every month 3.30-4.30pm at the Longford Primary Care Centre, Longford Road, and 5.30-6.30pm at the Scout Headquarters, Aldermans Green Road. Last Friday of every month 6-7pm at the St Thomas' Parish Church Hall, Longford Road. Please phone 024 7636 0898 to confirm an appointment.  
**Cllr George Duggins:** Second Saturday of every month noon-1pm at Bell Green Community Centre, Old Church Road and 1.15-2pm at Royal Hotel, Old Church Road. Second Sunday of every month 11.30am-1pm at Bell Green Working Men's Club, Roseberry Avenue or call 024 7683 1003 (daytime) or e-mail george.duggins@coventry.gov.uk  
**Cllr Lindsay Harvard:** First Saturday of every month 10.45-11.45am at the Scout Headquarters, Aldermans Green Road and noon-1pm at the Bell Green Community Centre, Old Church Road. First Sunday of every month 11am-noon at the Church Hall, St Thomas' Parish Church, Longford Road, and 12.15-1.15pm at the Bell Green Working Men's Club, Roseberry Avenue. Call 024 7667 5717, e-mail lindsay.harvard@coventry.gov.uk

**I LOWER STOKE**

**Cllr Jack Harrison MBE JP:** 024 7683 1039, e-mail jack.harrison@coventry.gov.uk.  
**Cllr John McNicholas:** If you have a problem, need help or advice, can visit you your own home and can be contacted on 024 7683 1034 (daytime), 02476 504 037 (evenings) or e-mail john.mcnicholas@coventry.gov.uk  
**Cllr Phil Townshend:** Call 024 7683 1034 (daytime) for details of dates and venues of surgeries.

**I RADFORD**

**Cllr Mal Mutton:** Call 024 7630 4497 for an appointment.  
**Cllr Keiran Mulhall** (Lord Mayor): Every Tuesday at Jaguar Sports and Social Club, Middlemarch Road, 6.30-7.30pm. Also Radford Social Club on the first Sunday of the month 11.30am-12.30pm. Or call 024 7683 3048 for an appointment.  
**Cllr Tony Skipper:** Available to see Radford residents at Coventry Coachmakers' Club, 72 Radford Road, CV1 4BY. For details and to make an appointment or to leave a message, call 024 7683 1039.

**I ST MICHAEL'S**

**Cllr David Welsh:** First Saturday of each month, noon-1pm at the Redeemed Christian Church of God (former Howitzer Club), Albert Street. Third Friday of each month, 3-4pm at the Regeneration Office, 121-124 Far Gosford Street. Call 07956 307 437 or e-mail david.welsh@coventry.gov.uk  
**Cllr Dave Nellist:** First Friday of month St Peter's Church Centre, Charles Street, Hillfields, 6-7pm and third Friday of each month at St Anne's and All Saint's Church, Acacia Avenue, Charter House 6-7pm.. Alternatively call 024 7683 4847 (daytime), leave a message on 024 7622 9311 or e-mail dave.nellist@coventry.gov.uk  
**Cllr Jim O'Boyle:** Second Saturday of each month, noon-1pm at Zeenat Restaurant, Cambridge Street, Hillfields, fourth Saturday of month, noon at Transport House, Short Street. Call 024 7669 4873 or 024 7683 1032, or e-mail jim.o'boyle@coventry.gov.uk

**I SHERBOURNE**

**Cllr Seamus Walsh:** Call 07956 546983 or 024 7683 1039 (Council House), or e-mail seamus.walsh@coventry.gov.uk  
**Cllr Gary Ridley:** Happy to help where I can, please feel free to call 024 7683 1039 (day). e-mail gary.ridley@coventry.gov.uk for an appointment.

**Cllr Damian Gannon:** For an appointment call 07985 81 1877 or e-mail damian.gannon@coventry.gov.uk

**I UPPER STOKE**

**Cllr Russell Field:** First Wednesday of month at St Albans Centre, Mercer Avenue, 7-7.30pm. Or call 024 7661 2689. e-mail russell.field@coventry.gov.uk or upperstokefocus@covlibdems.org.uk  
**Cllr Sucha Bains:** Barras Green Social Club, Coventry Street, between noon-12.45pm every first and third Saturday. Or call 024 7645 9484.  
**Cllr Colleen Fletcher:** For an appointment call 07939 111992, or 024 7683 1039 or e-mail colleen.fletcher@coventry.gov.uk

**I WAINBODY**

**Cllr John Blundell:** Call 024 7683 1276 (weekdays) or 024 7641 9794 (evenings and weekends), or e-mail john.blundell@coventry.gov.uk for an appointment; will gladly visit.  
**Cllr Gary Crookes:** For an appointment, call 024 7646 1777 (after 6pm) or e-mail gary.crookes@coventry.gov.uk  
**Cllr Tim Sawdon:** (Deputy Lord Mayor) Call 024 7641 5771 (after 6pm).

**I WESTWOOD**

**Cllr Marcus Lapsa:** Call 024 7647 4540 or 024 7683 1039 (daytime) for an appointment or e-mail marcus.lapsa@coventry.gov.uk  
**Cllr David Skinner:** Call 024 7646 8106 or e-mail david.skinner@coventry.gov.uk  
**Cllr Richard Sandy:** Surgeries will be held at The Lime Tree Club, Templar Avenue second Saturday of the month from 12noon - 1pm and every fourth Saturday of the month from 11.30am - 12.30pm at Canley Library, Prior Deram Walk. For an appointment please call 07949 900445 or e-mail richard.sandy@coventry.gov.uk

**I WHOBERLEY**

**Cllr Dan Howells:** Call 07985 81 1883 or e-mail dan.howells@coventry.gov.uk Alternatively I will be available to join Cllr Bally Singh at the surgeries detailed below.  
**Cllr Roger Bailey:** Call 024 7683 1039 (daytime) for an appointment or e-mail roger.bailey@coventry.gov.uk  
**Cllr Bally Singh:** Call 07779 256898 for an appointment, or e-mail bally.singh@coventry.gov.uk Regular Surgeries are held every first Saturday of the month 12noon - 2pm at Whoberley Hall School, Overdale Road. Third Saturday of the month 10am - 12noon at the St Mary Magdeline Centre, Sir Thomas White Road.

**I WOODLANDS**

**Cllr Patricia Hetherton:** Please call 07985 81 1881 for an appointment or e-mail patricia.hetherton@coventry.gov.uk  
**Cllr Heather Johnson:** Call 024 7683 1039 (Council House) or 024 7667 0901 (home) for an appointment. Alternatively e-mail heather.johnson@coventry.gov.uk  
**Cllr Julia Lepoidevin:** For an appointment, call 024 7683 1039 (daytime) or e-mail julia.lepoidevin@coventry.co.uk

**I WYKEN**

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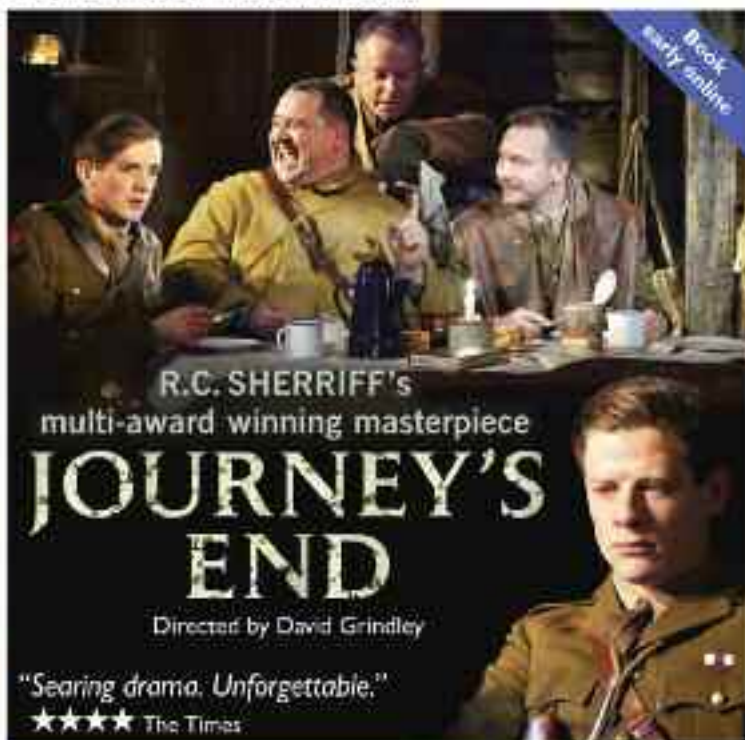
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