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

## We're proud to host the greatest show on earth

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The eyes of the world will be on us on 25 July as the Olympics kicks off in England here at our very own City of Coventry stadium. We'll be well into the spirit of the occasion by then, of course – the fun really starts at the end of June when the Godiva Festival provides the perfect warm up for us ahead of the Olympic torch arriving here (in the city it was made in) on 1 July.

I'm also looking forward to the extraordinary spectacle of Godiva Awakes on 28 July. Once again, Coventry is at the heart of Olympics celebrations; thousands of people across the Midlands have been involved in this project with Coventry manufacturing skills playing a key role in bringing her to life.

We're not always great at shouting about our city and how special it is, but I know how proud so many of you are about the role Coventry is set to play in the greatest show on earth. And I also know the visitors set to come here over the next few weeks will get a brilliant, warm welcome from you all – even if the sun doesn't come out!

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**Cover story:** Pupils from three city primary schools, complete with hand-crafted Olympic torches, get set for London 2012. Full story – page 14.

## A personal message from Dave Walton, chair of the Coventry Partnership...

Coventry *Citivism* includes a great range of articles from organisations across the city that make up the Coventry Partnership. The partnership includes the public, private, community and voluntary sectors and as the chair, and it's always encouraging to see first hand the strong relationships between agencies across the city.

You can see the results of some of this partnership working with the stories submitted for the latest news bulletin on

the Coventry Partnership website: <http://www.coventrypartnership.com/latestpartnershipactivity>.

With London 2012 approaching fast and as a co-host city for the football competition, it's a fantastic opportunity to promote the City of Coventry to the rest of the United Kingdom, and indeed the world. And you'll see from the Our Journey supplement within this edition all the activity that's already taken place and the exciting things to come.



\* Dave Walton is acting Assistant Chief Fire Officer/Director with responsibility for the Technical and Operational Support sections within West Midlands Fire Service.



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# Funding fight pays off with plan to replace seven schools

**Councillors have welcomed a government announcement that seven of the city's schools with the greatest need have been selected for replacement.**

The work is as part of a new national Priority School Building Programme.

Earlier this year the Government announced that between 100 and 300 schools in the worst condition nationally would have the opportunity to benefit from £2bn funding.

The new school building programme was devised following the Government's shock decision to scrap its Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Programme in July 2010. Coventry City Council was just three weeks away from closing dialogue with bidders to deliver the city scheme.

Councillor David Kershaw, Cabinet Member (Education), said: "Providing clean, safe and inspirational

new buildings for our young people to be educated in is a priority. These seven schools are in urgent need of replacement so I am relieved that they have been chosen to receive funding.

"Losing BSF funding was a big blow to Coventry as many schools are still missing out on vital modernisation. We were determined that something positive should come out of the disappointment and I'm glad that our fight, including delegations to speak to ministers with the three Coventry MPs, has paid off in securing this new funding."

The new school buildings are not expected to be completed until 2014/15 at the earliest.

President Kennedy and Ernesford Grange Secondary Schools, Richard Lee, Wyken Croft, St Thomas More and Whitmore Park Primary School and Alice Stevens Special School are all to benefit from the building programme.



## Forum helps young trainees learn all about the business

**Coventry City Council apprentices and young people on an access-to-apprenticeship programme attended a forum recently to look in more detail about how councils provide local services.**

**The young people learnt about decision-making processes, budgets, negotiation, team-working and the importance of good communications.**

**Kieran Grant, who is part of the Access to**

**Apprenticeship programme, said: "My confidence has improved so much since being on the scheme and I now have a better understanding of the impact of the decisions made in council."**

**If you want to know more about apprenticeship opportunities at Coventry City Council, contact the Entry to Employment Team at [e2e@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:e2e@coventry.gov.uk) or Veronica Nisbett on 024 7683 3272.**

## Crackdown on roadside car sellers

A war on nuisance roadside car sellers is being won as part of a Coventry City Council crackdown on the issue.

The problem, where a car-selling business parks a number of cars on main residential roads, has blighted certain areas of the city, such as Sewall Highway. Coventry City Council is using a range of powers to tackle the situation, including new street trading laws which prohibit the sale of cars on the roadside, while allowing a car owner to sell no more than two of their vehicles outside their own home each year. Car traders across the city have been written to as part of the campaign.

Cllr Faye Abbott, chair of the Community Safety Scrutiny Board, said: "The vast majority of car-selling businesses are considerate and operate within the law. However, a small minority disregard, flout or manipulate the law, causing misery to others."

Anyone wanting to report nuisance car sales problems should contact Coventry City Council on 0500 834 333.

## CAB steps in to help in tough times

The Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) is reporting an increase in the demand for its services.

The Coventry bureau reported more people struggling in the current climate with a rise in the cost of living, changes in tax credits, benefits and changes in the way services are provided.

Charley Gibbons, Coventry CAB chief executive, said: "With cuts in public funding, more services are moving towards web and telephone-based services, and although this might suit some, many people still need to see someone face to face."

Sophe Parkes, policy officer at CAB said: "The reason people access advice services is because things go wrong, and we often find that things go wrong

because of bad policies, procedures and practices."

Coventry CAB helps around 10,000 people a year deal with 24,000 issues. The bureau manages over £30 million worth of debt each year on behalf of local people.

For details, visit [www.coventrycab.org.uk](http://www.coventrycab.org.uk)

### College bursary

Henley College has been given an 80 per cent increase in government funding to help support students considering full-time education next year. The 16-18 Bursary Fund provides financial assistance in areas such as transport, meals, books and equipment.

## Funding boost for budding musicians

Coventry's Performing Arts Service has been named as one of 122 music education hubs nationwide which will receive funding over the next three years. The hubs will be helping local children to experience a music education, ensuring that every child aged five to 18 has the opportunity to sing and learn a musical instrument and play with other children. Coventry's music hub will include a partnership of

organisations, including Warwick Arts Centre, Belgrade Theatre, Coventry Cathedral, Orchestra of the Swan, Armonico Consort, Yamaha-Europe, Federation of Music Services, Coventry Youth Service, Coventry Sports and Arts (Creative Futures), Voluntary Action Coventry, City College, Coventry University and the Bridge Organisation – Arts Connect.



## Greening the city centre

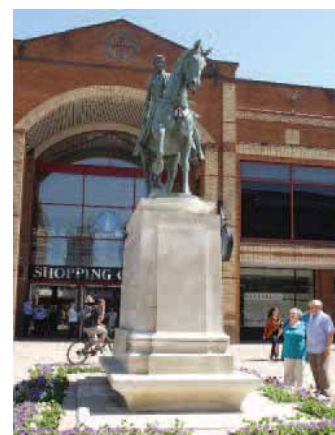
The first area of grass in the heart of Coventry city centre has now been laid outside Holy Trinity Church – just around the corner from Broadgate. The new grass, along with the planned extension of Greyfriars Green into Bull Yard, was introduced in response to local people who were clear that they wanted to see a greener city centre. Council Leader, Cllr John Mutton said: “We had to make sure that two big ‘city centre’ lawns were added into our bigger plans to transform Broadgate, the route to the station and the setting of some of our finest buildings. The church looks fantastic now all the bus stops that were

in front of it have been removed and now there is a large grassed area for people to enjoy. Once the trees are in, it will be transformed even more. The lawn will beautifully complement the openness of Broadgate, our fantastic new events space in the heart of the city centre, which we are already bringing to life with a packed calendar of events. I hope people will be as pleased as me with how it looks. Of course it is just the start – now we need to secure planning permission for the City Centre South plan and secure a developer to turn the plan into a reality.”



## Pleased to greet you!

Broadgate is shaping up to be the ideal venue for events this summer and beyond. The redeveloped square is already creating a more pedestrian friendly atmosphere and shoppers and visitors are being encouraged to get along to a range of events including the recent beach weekend, and St George's Day celebrations. For more details visit [www.coventry.gov.uk/events](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/events)



## New shop offers help, support and routes into work for jobseekers

A new job shop in the city centre has had almost 1,400 visitors since it opened in March.

Advisors at the Council-run unit at 19 Hertford Street are on hand to offer career advice to customers. There are various courses available, from improving job-search techniques to securing that all-important interview. The advisors can also help customers create a CV or do an internet job search using the computers which are free to access.

Additional support is available at the shop for young people, including paid work placements, work trials, confidence and self esteem building courses, and a range of apprenticeship opportunities.

Other projects which are not based at the shop but which offer support to unemployed people include:



■ Making Progress, which supports people with recent convictions who are referred by the Staffordshire & West Midlands Probation Trust. This project ensures people get access to a range of services, including housing and financial support

plus job application and vocational training opportunities.

■ Construction Employment Unit, which links a person's skills to vacancies in the construction sector, helps them upgrade their construction skills and offers advice and guidance to help keep their career in construction on track.

■ The Employment Support Service (TESS), which supports disabled people and people with health conditions into employment by providing a range of individually tailored support.

■ Support for Families, which supports individuals from families with issues such as debt, family conflict, anti-social behaviour and housing problems.

The Job Shop is open every weekday between 10am and 4pm. For more information on any of the projects above please contact 024 7683 5740.

# It pays in so many ways to foster

**Fostering for Coventry really pays. That's the main message from Coventry City Council at the start of a new recruitment campaign which was launched during Foster Care Fortnight.**

"Fostering provides life-changing support for children and young people in our city," explains Cllr Jim O'Boyle, Cabinet member for Children and Young People. "The Council has responsibility for over 600 vulnerable children and young people. Fostering gives those children a second chance at having a loving and secure family life, which leads to higher achievements at school and better outcomes in life."

Cllr O'Boyle continues: "Fostering is also an opportunity for people to develop new skills and a new career, paid for and supported by Coventry City Council. We provide extensive training and support, including opportunities to gain child care qualifications for those who are looking to develop a professional career in child care. Our generous fees and allowances range from £260 to £980 per week. So it really does pay to foster for Coventry."

The Council is keen to dispel myths about who can foster. "There is no such thing as a typical foster carer," says Shanti Eaves, Head of Service for Looked After Children. "You can be single, married or in a relationship. You may be home-based or working. In fact many of our carers foster alongside their existing jobs. You don't have to be a



■ Former Lord Mayor Cllr Keiran Mulhall with foster carers celebrating the completion of their training standards.

parent but you do need the time and commitment to work with children and young people."

"Coventry Fostering Service always tries to place a child with one of our own approved foster carers," explains Shanti. "The more people we can approve as foster carers, the more likely it is that a good match can be found for Coventry children in terms of their needs, culture and ethnicity. And this helps to reduce the damage that instability and

disruption can bring."

Cllr O'Boyle concludes: "I urge anyone who thinks they may have the skills to foster to get in touch with our Fostering Service and find out more about this hugely rewarding role."

For more information about fostering for Coventry City Council visit [www.coventry.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/fostering) or call 024 7683 1873.

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## Walkers give the thumbs up to the Sowe Valley relay



## Claims process just got easier

There's going to be a new, easy way for Coventry residents to make claims for Housing and Council Tax benefit.

The City Council is launching an electronic form on its website – [www.coventry.gov.uk](http://www.coventry.gov.uk) – which will help to save time for residents and the Council. The internet form will be available by the end of June and will be an 'intelligent form' which guides residents making a claim to only fill in the relevant sections. Then it's just the click of a button and the form is submitted to the Council – meaning no unwanted journeys into the city centre or waiting in line.

The form can be completed at home via the Council's website, or people can call in to the Housing and Benefits Advice Centre in Spire House, New Union Street and use a

computer there.

They can also call in and talk to a Council officer who will complete the form for them if needed, or they can ask for help at services such as the Citizens' Advice Bureau or other advice agencies.

Cllr George Duggins, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet member for Strategic Finance and Resources, said: "The form gives people more choice in how they want to carry out their dealings with the Council and is part of our work to continually improve our service to the residents of Coventry. It also helps the Council to save money to spend on other key frontline services, through reduced costs on paper, postage and staff time."

For more information, call 024 7683 1800 or e-mail [benefits@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:benefits@coventry.gov.uk)

## ...and here's how to make paying stress-free

Do you know how easy it is to pay your council tax through Direct Debit? A campaign by Coventry City Council is aiming to get even more people to make the switch – and enjoy stress-free payments.

Paying by Direct Debit means no more worries over late reminders and queues. The usual monthly payments are automatically deducted from your bank account on a date chosen by you to suit your pay day and your budget.

And there are many other benefits, including saving time on travel and helping the environment by cutting journeys.

There are already more than 40,000 city residents who opt to pay their council tax by Direct Debit – why not join them? Just complete one of the forms available at Council offices or available for download at [www.coventry.gov.uk/counciltax](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/counciltax)

People are being given the chance to explore the Sowe Valley Footpath as part of an ambitious community relay walk on Saturday, June 23. The 11-mile walk is being organised by the Sowe Valley Project (co-ordinated by Warwickshire Wildlife Trust) and Coventry City Council's Healthy Walks Team. Over 800 people will take part in the walk, which starts at Whitley and ends at Longford Park. The relay sections are

between 1.5 miles and three miles long. Details about buggy/wheelchair accessibility are all available. To sign up online, visit [www.coventry.gov.uk/sowevalley](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/sowevalley) or call the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust on 024 7630 2912. The Sowe Valley Project has received £211,512 from Natural England's Access to Nature Programme, funded by £25m from the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces programme.

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### Artwork is streets ahead

Artist John McKeown is joined by Cllr Lynnette Kelly as he puts the finishing touches to a giant mural in Coventry's historic Far Gosford Street. The eye-catching artwork illustrates the major regeneration of Far Gosford Street, which involves the restoration of buildings dating back to the 16th century. The spray-painted design covering hoardings has combined a medieval street scene with a shop front. Cllr Kelly, Cabinet member for Coventry City Council's City Development, said: "The mural has turned a redundant and derelict space, which is earmarked for a proposed retail and residential development, into a really colourful, interesting and lively feature. It reflects our vision to restore and reinvent Far Gosford Street as a thriving creative quarter." The regeneration project is being run by a partnership comprising of the Council and Complex Development Projects (CDP). It involves more than £25m of combined investment from the Council, the private sector, Heritage Lottery and European Regional Development Fund. For information, visit [www.fargosfordstreet.com](http://www.fargosfordstreet.com)



### Eye camp mission

Civic leaders from Coventry visited an eye camp in the Kadia District of the Punjab where 700 people were being treated for eye disease. The visit to the charitable programme run by the Sahil Project was part of a 1,940 mile tour over nine days. Former Lord Mayor Cllr Kieran Mulhall was joined by Cllr Singh Sehmi of Coventry Sikh community.

## Get on your marks for half-marathon

The 2012 Coventry Half Marathon and Fun Run is being held on Sunday 14 October and participants can sign up by visiting the official website at [www.coventryhalf.com](http://www.coventryhalf.com). The event follows the new route introduced for last year's race, with one very significant change! The last mile of the race will go through Little Park Street,

High Street, the new Broadgate and The Burges and will finish where it started, at the event village next to the Coventry Transport Museum. Over 2,000 runners took part in last year's Coventry Half Marathon and numbers are expected to grow in 2012. Coventry City Council and Big-Q Events Ltd are organising the event.

# Free-running fans scale new heights with Jim's blessing

**A senior councillor is championing the activities of a group of young people in the city.**

Cllr Jim O'Boyle, Cabinet member for Children and Young People at the Council is speaking out about Parkour (more commonly known as free running) which involves practitioners using specialist skills to undertake a range of physical challenges from jumping over and across walls to using street furniture.

"Parkour practitioners are courteous to other people," he said. "They demonstrate an understanding of areas of the city where this practice is less desirable either because of the historical nature of the buildings or the importance of it to faith communities and visitors. They are not to be mistaken for other people who use the city centre to do other things.

"I am keen to support our young people to develop and grow into law abiding and productive members of the community, so I have asked our youth service, together with other Council departments to engage meaningfully to help support and develop this activity. I hope Coventry citizens will support us in this work."

Working with the Council's Sports Development and Community Safety teams, the Cathedral, the Police and others, funding has been found to install Parkour training equipment in the Youth Space behind Coventry Sports Centre, so that anyone interested in Parkour can practice their skills. To find out more about Parkour, contact Davey Walmsley on 07929412267 or e-mail [daveywalmsley@gmail.com](mailto:daveywalmsley@gmail.com)



Cllr Jim O'Boyle chats to local free runners during a break in their practice session.

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■ Beth Conroy with her emblem design.

## Olympians of the future make the most of Games occasion

Around 200 rainbows, brownies and guides have staged a community games for groups throughout the north of Coventry, with events including javelin, long jump, golf and speed bouncing. The emblem for the event was designed and produced as a

badge by Beth Conroy, 13, from 22nd Fillongley Guides. Division commissioner Sylvia Emerton, from Cheylesmore, said: "Because of the Olympics, we wanted the girls to be part of a larger team." Coventry City Council launched the community

games fund to encourage community, voluntary and charity groups to join in the celebration of London 2012. The Heart Of England Community Foundation co-ordinated the programme, with Coventry north being awarded £1,500 of funding.

# New toilet and changing facility for disabled people

**Coventry city centre is opening its first Changing Places toilet after the Council and Coventry Mencap helped to fund and build a much needed facility in the Central Library.**

Changing Places toilets have plenty of space and include a changing bench, a hoist and other specialist equipment for people with disabilities.

Jill Hinde from Coventry Mencap said: "Many people face a daily challenge to leave their home and adequate toilet and changing facilities in public places is one way to reduce the barriers they face. We are delighted the Council is supporting this scheme."

Cllr Faye Abbott, chair of the Disability Equality Advisory Panel, said: "We're proud of being a diverse and welcoming city and I hope that the Changing Places Toilet will encourage more people to visit city."

## DisabledGo scheme targets 1,000 buildings

**An award-winning website providing information about accessibility to venues and buildings is to be used in Coventry. DisabledGo are working alongside Coventry City Council to draw up a comprehensive list of how well buildings are equipped for disabled customers.**

The guide will detail accessibility to 1,000 buildings and venues across the city



The scheme is a partnership project led by Coventry Mencap and funded by the Council as part of its preparations for London 2012. A leaflet – Changing Places, Changing Lives – giving more information about the unit will be distributed in the coming weeks.

providing specific details such as the height of tables, dimensions of toilets or the positioning of fixtures and fittings.

Cllr Faye Abbott, chair of the Disability Equality Advisory Panel, said: "I hope the website will benefit disabled people when visiting the city."

Coventry DisabledGo, a joint project with Marks and Spencers, will be available from mid July.

## The e-book has landed...

Coventry public libraries are now offering free e-books available to download to almost all devices, including smartphones and i-pads. Kindles, however, are not

compatible with library lending. The service has proved a hit with early e-book adopters, with more than 1,000 customers accessing it in the first two months.

## Have you got what it takes to unite the city?



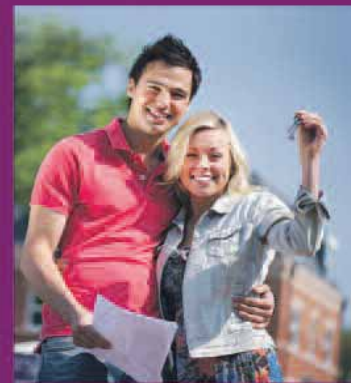
■ Belgrade Theatre Community and Education Company performing at last year's awards event.

Nominations are invited for this year's Coventry Community Cohesion Awards, celebrating the work of local people and businesses in helping to make Coventry a cohesive city. The awards, run by the Equalities And Communities Theme Group of The Coventry Partnership, together with Coventry Ethnic Minorities Action Partnership, recognise projects which achieve cohesion by working with different communities, groups, faiths, age groups and people from different backgrounds. The deadline for entries is July 23. For more details, visit [www.coventrypartnership.com/Cohesionawards](http://www.coventrypartnership.com/Cohesionawards)

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# Old school to get a new lease of life

**Coventry Transport Museum has received a £4.9m grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to redevelop its exhibition spaces and for improvements to the city's Old Grammar School to bring it back into public use.**

The funding will enable the restoration of the City's Grade I-listed school to be conserved as a public access archive and educational facility.

The 14th century building at the junction of Bishop St and Hales St on the northern end of Coventry city centre features in English Heritage's at risk register. It includes an infirmary hall, a chapel and north aisle from the Hospital of St John that later became the Grammar School. The school continued to see various additions and adaptations over the years but was damaged in a bomb blast in 1941. Although the damage was repaired in 1962, the building has been infrequently used since then. Coventry Transport

■ A book has been published unravelling the histories of every motorcar manufacturer to have been based in Coventry. Coventry's Motorcar Heritage, written by Coventry Transport Museum curator Damien Kimberley, includes more than 200 archive photographs from the transport museum's collection. The book is on sale at the museum shop, priced £14.99.

Museum chairman Joe Elliott said: "The museum is pleased to be working with the venue to bring one of Coventry's oldest buildings back into use."

The museum is free to enter and in 2010/2011 attracted over 400,000 people. With the help of the HLF, the museum will create a new orientation space within the entrance area, six new exhibitions and new education spaces that together, will significantly improve the visitor experience.



## Bikes hog the limelight at city shrine to motors

Coventry, home of the modern bicycle, is getting set for a pedal-powered summer of cycling events and exhibitions, all put together by staff at Coventry Transport Museum. As well as the hundreds of cars and motorbikes in its collection, the museum is home to over 200 cycles dating from the first days of cycling to the present.

The summer of cycling will centre around a major new temporary exhibition celebrating the history and heroes of competitive cycling, entitled *Pedals To Medals*, which

runs from June 22 to October 14, with free admission. Visitors will be able to get up close with bicycles and memorabilia from Olympic champions Tommy Godwin, Chris Boardman and Tom Sabin, as well as bikes that were ridden to glory on roads, velodromes, mountains and cyclocross tracks, and hear the stories of incredible people from the Coventry area who changed the face of cycling forever.

In addition, Coventry Cycling Festival returns to the city on Saturday June 23, from 10am to 4pm at Millennium Place. Visitors can enjoy a whole host of free pedal-powered activities for all ages. Full details of all events can be found at [www.transport-museum.com](http://www.transport-museum.com)

# PEDALS & MEDALS

22 June to 14 October

An exhibition celebrating the history and heroes of competitive cycling.

## FREE ADMISSION

**Includes:** Interactive family activities plus a range of special family events throughout the school holidays.



Tel: 024 7623 4270 | [www.transport-museum.com](http://www.transport-museum.com)

Coventry Transport Museum, Millennium Place, Coventry CV1 1JH (Reg charity no: 1113605)



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## Arts Council award boost for Belgrade Theatre

Coventry's Belgrade Theatre has been awarded £240,000 from Arts Council England's Catalyst Arts fund.

The grant, which will be made available across a three year period, will allow the Belgrade to build upon its recent success with fundraising from grant making trusts, private individuals and businesses, and invest this in producing more theatre and drama-based education work.

It is one of only three venues in the West Midlands to receive the Catalyst funding, alongside Birmingham REP, which has been awarded £180,000 and Warwick Arts Centre, which will receive a £120,000 grant.



■ Visitors to Drapers' Hall, one of the centres opening to the public.

## Free viewing of hidden treasures

The Heritage Open Days weekend is set to see a whole host of venues opening their doors. From September 7-9, over 40 attractions across Coventry, including Coombe Abbey, Caludon Castle, Lunt Roman Fort and St Mark's Church, will be welcoming visitors free of charge.

The Heritage Open weekend is a wonderful way to learn more about the history and heritage of the city with so many fantastic hidden gems to discover. A free bus service from Coventry Transport Museum will be available to transport visitors to and from many of the participating sites.

Visit [www.visitcoventry.co.uk](http://www.visitcoventry.co.uk) for the full list of venues.

## Uni on the CUSP of new adventure

The University of Warwick is joining a consortium of world-class academic and technology companies to help create the Center for Urban Science and Progress (CUSP) in New York.

CUSP is an applied science research institute which will bring together educational and industrial partners to develop technologies. Warwick's Vice-Chancellor Professor Nigel Thrift said the University was delighted to have the opportunity to work in and with New York. He said the aims of the Center for Urban Sciences and Progress were closely aligned with many of Warwick's own research priorities of manufacturing, energy, food security and healthcare.

# Selling Coventry across the world

**Business leaders from Coventry and Warwickshire are backing a scheme to promote the region to the rest of the world.**

Experts from across a wide range of industries are calling on organisations to champion the local cause and sing the praises of the region.

A number of high-profile business leaders gathered in Coventry to launch the new scheme – called the Coventry and Warwickshire Story.

Mike Wright, executive director of Jaguar Land Rover, Severn Trent's chief executive Tony Wray and Daniel Gidney, chief executive of Arena Coventry Ltd joined around 150 guests at the Ricoh Arena.

Organisers say the new drive could help boost Coventry and Warwickshire's economy by selling its many assets to the rest of the world.

The initiative will see businesses, major organisations and leading local figures work together to deliver a consistent message about Coventry and Warwickshire that will help sell its unique characteristics more effectively. Research



■ Business leaders, armed with the Coventry and Warwickshire Story promotional booklet, prepare to sell the region to the world.

carried out by the business group of Coventry Partnership has helped develop a series of key themes which highlight the region's special characteristics and can be used by businesses and public sector organisations in marketing and inward investment work in the future.

Les Ratcliffe, head of community relations for Jaguar Land Rover and chairman of the Coventry Partnership business group, said: "We all want the best for the area and we know its strengths. The challenge is to shout about these assets – good transport links, new technologies, enterprise and learning, a great location for events and a past, present and future built upon peace and reconciliation."

## Small business campaign

The Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) is backing Independent Retailer Month 2012 in July.

Independent Retailer Month is a global shop-local promotion which has links with the Keep Trade Local campaign. It aims to highlight the importance of the high street to local communities in Coventry and Warwickshire.

Ian O'Donnell, Warwickshire and Coventry Chairman, Federation of Small Businesses, said: "Small independent retailers are vital to our economy and it is imperative that we recognise their importance to our high streets." The Federation has 200,000 members across the UK.

## Self-help books

Sorted, a new scheme to offer self-help books to young people, has been launched in Coventry. Aimed at adolescents, the books deal with common situations and problems that arise in this age group that can affect mental health. Issues covered include parental separating, the loss of someone close, stress, anger management and self-esteem.

The books are free and available for anyone to borrow from Central, Allesley and Foleshill libraries. For more details, visit [www.coventry.gov.uk/sorted](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/sorted)

## Help for parents

**A campaign urging parents to seek help when they need it has been launched in Coventry.**

**Whatever children bring ... you're not alone** raises awareness of the wide range of support that is available for parents and carers in Coventry.

The campaign has been funded by the Coventry Health Improvement Programme (CHIP). For details visit [www.coventryparent.co.uk](http://www.coventryparent.co.uk) or contact the Family Information Service on 024 7683 4373/e-mail [coventryparent@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:coventryparent@coventry.gov.uk)

## On song for charity

A fundraising Hindu band has released a charity CD.

Samaj Karam raises money for charities and is helping buy machines to detect and treat glaucoma

The latest venture is the CD "Maujaan Bhavanaan Diyan", which roughly translates as "Happiness of the Pilgrim".

It costs £3 (or two for £5). For details contact Samaj Karam on 024 7668 2573.

## Young survivors

**Children aged eight to 14 can learn all about survival skills and wildlife at Coombe Country Park's Coombe Club, run during the school holidays. For details e-mail [coombe.countrypark@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:coombe.countrypark@coventry.gov.uk)**

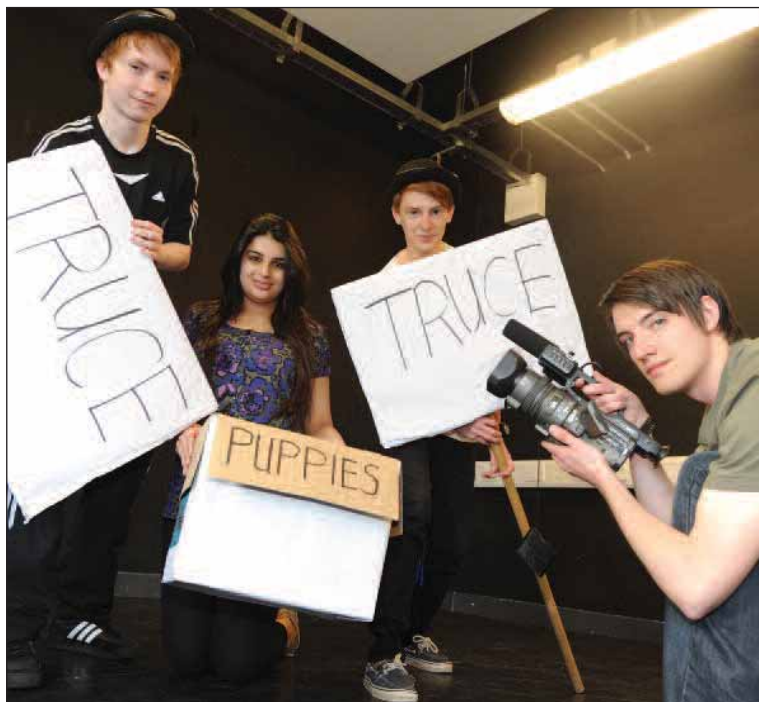
## Meet the guards of honour for Olympic stars



■ Pupils from three city primary schools, complete with hand-crafted Olympic torches, get set for London 2012.

Children from Edgwick, Limbrick Wood and Park Hill Primary schools in Coventry will form a guard of honour for athletes as they make their way through the Olympic Park into the Olympic Stadium for the opening ceremony of the London 2012 Olympics. The pupils will join others from 249 other schools from across the UK and make up the 2,000 student guard lining the route. The schools were selected through the reward and recognition programme of the Get Set network, the official London 2012 education programme.

# Students take centre stage for awards run in



**City College students are in the running for a national film award as part of the Cultural Olympiad for the 2012 Olympics, which showcases UK arts and culture.**

Ryan Carey, Anisha Bahia, Dale Hasty and Chris Pleass (pictured from left) are studying towards a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts.

Together with fellow students Sarah Boyle, Jade Alsop and Lucy Simms, the production team has been shortlisted in the best fiction 17-19 category of the Film Nation competition for their production Free Street

The winners will be announced on July 4 at the British Film Institute, Southbank, London, with the winning films being broadcast at London 2012. For more details, visit [www.filmnation.org.uk/awards](http://www.filmnation.org.uk/awards)

## news footnote

■ Cllr Lynette Kelly with Spirit Quarters' project director Kevin Roach.



## Nothing is done by halves at Quarters site

Coventry's £360m Spirit Quarters scheme is third in *Planning* magazine's annual regeneration table for the West Midlands, categorised by investment, progress development and job creation.

The scheme covers Wood End, Henley Green, Manor Farm and Deedmore in north east Coventry, where 3,328 new homes will be built over the lifetime of the scheme, affecting

the lives of 7,000 residents. Kevin Roach, Spirit Quarters' project director, said that sales of new homes have been strong at Spirit Quarters despite a tough housing market.

Cllr Lynette Kelly, Cabinet member for City Development, said: "We always knew that this development would create jobs and create a new pride in the area so it's especially nice to have this recognised."

# Coventry welcomes the 'greatest show on earth'

**In just a few weeks Coventry welcomes the greatest show on earth as the city hosts 12 football matches as part of the London 2012 Olympic Games, and the excitement is mounting!**

And it isn't all football - with a host of cultural, art and sporting events to keep everyone entertained throughout the summer. On Sunday 1 July after enjoying the Godiva Festival you can stay in the War Memorial Park and welcome the Olympic Flame to the city as the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay arrives for an overnight stop. Watch it depart from Millennium Place from 6.30am the following morning.

Coventry will be the first English city to host an Olympic event when Japan play Canada in the Women's Football at 5pm on

Wednesday 25 July - even before the opening ceremony in London has taken place. Our Coventry Ambassadors will ensure a warm welcome to supporters and guests at the City of Coventry Stadium and the city will look its best for the occasion. You can watch all the Olympic action at Coventry's London 2012 Live Site in Millennium Place.

Godiva Awakes recreates the Coventry icon. One of 12 public art commissions across the UK for the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad, the 10m high Lady Godiva will take an extraordinary journey to London after the spectacular awakening ceremony on

Saturday 28 July.

And the fun continues into the summer when Coventry is proud to welcome the

Paralympic Flame to the city on Saturday 25 August.

Follow all the action at [www.coventry.gov.uk/london2012](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/london2012)



Senegal make history in Coventry by beating Oman 2-0 to qualify for their first Olympic Football Tournament

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# Welcome

## Cllr John Mutton - Leader of Coventry City Council

With only a few weeks to go now until Coventry hosts the first of 12 football matches as part of London 2012, the city is buzzing with excitement. We have prepared well and now we are delivering a superb range of events and activities that the city's residents, businesses and communities can participate in and enjoy.



At the end of this month the Olympic Flame arrives in Coventry as part of the Torch Relay which will be the climax of a fantastic weekend of entertainment at the Godiva Festival. This will be a once in a lifetime opportunity so let's line the streets and give the London 2012 Torch Relay a really big Coventry welcome.

I am so looking forward to welcoming the teams, officials and fans of the 14 countries competing at the City of Coventry Stadium in the Olympic football event. I am confident they will be impressed with the facilities and the city. What a marvellous opportunity this is for Coventry – let's all enjoy it.

## David Moorcroft - Lead Coventry 2012 Games Ambassador

The arrival on UK soil of the Olympic Flame and the recent Qualifying match for the Olympic football have brought it home to me how close we are to the start of the Games and how lucky we are here in Coventry to be a host city.

Last week I attended two events which also show how much the city has embraced the Games. Firstly, on UK Inspire Day I was delighted to present certificates to some 20 projects that had achieved the Inspire Mark, meaning that through culture, art or sport they were using the Olympics and the Olympic values to inspire others. And Coventry has really impressed with over 40 projects achieving the Inspire Mark. Read about them at [www.coventry.gov.uk/inspire](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/inspire)

Then I joined the Leader of the Council at a reception for Coventry torchbearers – such inspirational people all with their own story to tell and all looking forward to their own moment to shine.



# The Paralympic Flame Comes to Coventry

**Coventry has been chosen as one of 34 communities across the country to host a Flame celebration as part of the London 2012 Paralympic Torch Relay.**

Over the August Bank Holiday weekend a Flame Lighting Event will be taking place in four cities, London, Greater Belfast, Edinburgh and Cardiff. Four flames will be lit as part of a new concept for the Paralympic Torch Relay. Each city will also host events celebrating the Flame Lightings.

Rita Thompson, 86, has been chosen as Coventry's Paralympic Ambassador and has the honour of collecting the Flame from London on 24 August. Along with Coventry's Lord Mayor Cllr Tim Sawdon, she will bring the Flame back to the city for the celebrations the next day.

The four Flames will be united at the Paralympic Flame Lighting Ceremony at Stoke Mandeville, the spiritual home of the Paralympic Movement to create the London 2012 Paralympic Flame.

The Flame will then be carried on a 24-hour overnight relay on 28 August starting from Stoke Mandeville to the Olympic Stadium in London for the Opening Ceremony of the Paralympic Games. Torchbearers will be running in teams of five in a 24 hour overnight

relay. Consisting of 620 torchbearers chosen by three presenting partners, BT, Lloyds TSB and Sainsbury's, these inspirational torchbearers will also carry the flame during local community visits.

Coventry's celebrations will be held on 25 August at the Live Site in Millennium Place and aims to give a flavour of the local community. The Paralympic values of inspiration, determination, courage and equality will be at the heart of the celebrations.

The London 2012 Paralympic Torch Relay will be a celebration of disability sport, art and culture. It's an opportunity for the people of Coventry to celebrate Paralympic athletes, both past and present, as well as welcoming the Paralympic Flame before it continues on its journey to the Olympic Stadium for the Opening Ceremony of the Paralympic Games.

More information: [www.coventry.gov.uk/paralympic-flame-celebration](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/paralympic-flame-celebration)



Lord Mayor Cllr Tim Sawdon with Rita Thompson, the Paralympic Flame Ambassador





## Join in Coventry's moment to shine

Coventry's proud Torchbearers with Council leader John Mutton (centre) and Olympian David Moorcroft (Left)

The Olympic Flame is travelling to within 10 miles of 95 per cent of the UK's population visiting iconic landmarks such as Loch Ness and Stonehenge.

During the 70-day Olympic Torch Relay, every county in England and every local authority area in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales will host the Flame. And Coventry is one of 66 locations holding an evening celebration event for the

Arriving on Sunday 1 July, 4pm - 7.30pm in Coventry's War Memorial Park.

Olympic Torch Relay.

On Sunday 1 July, 4pm - 7.30pm in Coventry's War Memorial Park, immediately after the Godiva Festival, the Olympic Torch will arrive for a special free evening celebration which will climax in a spectacular performance created by London 2012, the Olympic Torch Sponsors

and local organisations. Gates open at 4pm and the event is not ticketed.

Beginning its departure from Millennium Place, in the early morning of Monday 2 July after the evening celebration the night before, the Olympic Flame will then continue on its journey. Travelling through the city centre and out towards Rugby before carrying on the Olympic Torch Relay tour to the London 2012 Opening Ceremony.

Last month Council Leader Cllr John Mutton and David Moorcroft welcomed the Coventry Torchbearers to the Council House, to mark the day the Olympic Flame arrived in the UK. Cllr Mutton said "After meeting them and learning their stories it was obvious Coventry has a collection of hugely inspirational and enthusiastic individuals who we are all proud of."

The streets along the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay can be viewed at [www.london2012.com/olympictorchrelay](http://www.london2012.com/olympictorchrelay) and this gives details and times for when the Olympic Flame travels through Coventry.



Torchbearers in their uniform celebrating the Olympic Torch



## Meet our Team GB athletes

Coventry and Warwickshire has a proud history and tradition of producing world class athletes. Over 100 people from our region have competed at Olympic and Paralympic Games since

1900. Meet the athletes from Coventry and Warwickshire who will be continuing our proud heritage of producing world class athletes. They will inspire the next generation of Olympians

and Paralympians to choose sport, be the best they can be and be part of a once in a lifetime opportunity to represent their country at the highest level.

### Nigel Murray - Boccia

**Age:** 48  
**Hometown:** Leamington Spa

**Achievements to date:**  
**Gold:** Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games Individual BC2  
**Gold:** Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games Team BC1-2  
**Silver:** Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games Individual BC2



### Mandip Sehmi - Wheelchair Rugby

**Age:** 31  
**Hometown:** Leamington Spa

**Achievements to date:**  
**2009:** European Championships Denmark, Best in Class  
**2008:** Beijing Paralympic Games (4th)  
**2007:** European Championships Finland, Gold Medal  
**2005:** European Championships Denmark, Gold Medal



### Kelly Sibley - Table Tennis

**Age:** 24  
**Hometown:** Leamington Spa

**Achievements to Date:**  
**2012:** Three Gold medals at National Championships  
**2011:** European Team Championships Gold Medal - Challenge Division



### Nick Skelton - Equestrian

**Age:** 54  
**Hometown:** Bedworth

**Achievements to Date:**  
**2008 Beijing:** Individual (29th), Team (7th)  
**2004 Athens:** Individual (10th)  
**1996 Atlanta:** Individual (23rd), Team (11th)  
**1992 Barcelona:** Individual (70th), Team (7th)  
**1988 Seoul:** Individual (7th), Team (6th)



### Naomi Folkard - Archery

**Age:** 28  
**Hometown:** Leamington

**Achievements to date:**  
Representing Team GB at the Olympic Games in Athens 2004 and Beijing 2008  
**Individual Bronze:** World Indoor Championships 2007  
**Team Gold:** World Championships (outdoor) 2007



### Joe Ingram

#### Paralympic Judo

**Age:** 30  
**Hometown:** Coventry

**Achievements to date:**  
**Silver:** 2010 VI World Championships  
**Silver:** 2010 German Open  
**Silver:** 2009 VI European Championships



### Rachel Smith

#### Gymnastics

**Age:** 18  
**Hometown:** Coventry

**Previous results:**  
Competed – 2011 European and World Championships with the Great Britain National Team ensuring eligibility for the London 2012 Olympic Games.



### Sam Ingram

#### Paralympic Judo

**Age:** 27  
**Hometown:** Coventry

**Achievements to date:**  
A comparative newcomer to GBR VI Judo squad, Sam took Bronze at the Beijing Paralympic Games in the 90kg category, where he made his debut.



# Watch London 2012 Live in Coventry on the big screen



Witness live action in Millennium Place

The London 2012 Live Sites are a unique part of the Olympic Games. Existing through a unique alliance with the BBC, the London 2012 Organising Committee (LOCOG) and local authorities, they have been created exclusively to enhance the Olympic Games experience.

Using big screens and event spaces, Live Sites help to spread the Olympic message across the nation offering live information, news, video and community events, so we as a nation can enjoy the Games together.

With 22 Live Sites across the region, they have become synonymous with London 2012 and will continue as a legacy well after the London 2012 Games.

The Live Site encourages Coventry people to come together for the Games and celebrate as one.

Located in Millennium Place, Coventry's Live Site will play host to a number of events and help make this summer like no other!

So come down and watch

the latest Olympic action, celebrate milestones such as the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and cheer on the Olympic Flame when the Torch Relay comes to the city.

Throughout Games time, the Live Site will be showcasing

the very best of Team GB and top athletes, so you can witness winning moments in history and support Team GB.

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



100 days to go – Celebrating 100 days to go at the Live Site, Millennium Place

## Coming soon at the Live Site

21 June	London 2012 Festival Launch
23 - 24 June	Radio 1's Hackney Weekend
25 June	London 2012 World Sports Day
25 June - 8 July	Wimbledon tennis
16 July	Royal Opera House - Metamorphosis
21 July	Olympic Torch arrives in London
25 July	Team GB Women's Olympic Football

26 July	Team GB Men's Olympic Football
27 July	All the Bells (National bellringing performance) - Martin Creed
27 July - 12 August	London 2012 Olympic Games
8 September	Last Night of the Proms
10 September	Team GB Parade

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

## Get ready to welcome the world

### to Coventry

Coventry hosts 12 matches as part of the Olympic Football Tournament and there are a variety of hospitality tickets available for the London 2012 Football Tournament at the City of Coventry Stadium, starting at just £30!

To book one of the hospitality packages please call 0844 873 6323 or e-mail: [loft@ccfc.co.uk](mailto:loft@ccfc.co.uk)  
Alternatively visit:

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

Category 1	Match ticket, three-course meal, programme, lounge and bar
Category 1 Bundle (table of 10)	Match ticket, three-course meal, programme, lounge and bar
Category 2	Match ticket, two-course buffet, lounge and bar
Category 3	Match ticket, hot snack and drink
Private boxes (12 people)	Match ticket, three-course meal and programme

Men/ Women	Game	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Private Box (12 people) per person	Private Box (12 people) per box	Cat 1 Bundle (10 people)
W	Japan Vs Canada, Sweden Vs South Africa	£85	£75	£30	£100	£1200	£850
M	Belarus Vs New Zealand	£85	£75	£30	£100	£1200	£850
W	Japan Vs Sweden, Canada Vs South Africa	£85	£75	£30	£100	£1200	£850
M	Mexico Vs Gabon, Korea Republic Vs Switzerland	£85	£75	£30	£100	£1200	£850
W	New Zealand Vs Cameroon	£85	£75	£30	£100	£1200	£850
M	Japan Vs Honduras, Senegal Vs United Arab Emirates	£85	£75	£30	£100	£1200	£850
W	Women's quarter-finals game	£95	£85	£30	£110	£1320	£950
W	Women's Bronze medal game	£105	£95	£40	£120	£1440	£1050



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## London 2012 Olympic Football Tournament

Hospitality opportunities at the  
City of Coventry Stadium

a **great way** to enjoy this historic event  
12 great matches in 8 days  
25 July until 9 August 2012

Packages starting **from £30**

For more information including session dates and times  
please call **0844 873 6400** or email: [loft@ccfc.co.uk](mailto:loft@ccfc.co.uk)

# Coventry's London 2012 event planner

The Olympic Games are just weeks away and Coventry is playing its part as a co-host city to showcase Coventry and the region to

visitors, spectators and competitors from around the world.

Outside London, Coventry has one of the most comprehensive programmes

of 2012 activities and events happening anywhere in the country. In the run up to, and during the Games, make sure you keep up to date by visiting:

[www.coventry.gov.uk/london2012](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/london2012)

For now, here's an at a glance calendar of what to look out for as Coventry celebrates London 2012.

	MONTH:	EVENT:	VENUE:	TIME:
June	9 - 16	Coventry Mysteries	City Centre	Various
	23	James MacMillan commission – new music piece "Gloria"	Coventry Cathedral	7.30pm
	29 June - 1 July	Godiva Festival Please note this year's procession takes place on 29 July	War Memorial Park, Coventry	Fri 6pm - 10pm Sat 12noon - 10.30pm Sun 12noon - 4.30pm
July	1	Olympic Torch Relay evening celebration	War Memorial Park, Coventry	4pm - 7.30pm
	2	Olympic Torch Relay leaves Coventry	Millennium Place	6.30am
	21	Freeman Dance show (Teenage Cancer Trust)	Broadgate	11am - 3pm
	25	Olympic Football x2 Women's games Japan Vs Canada, Sweden Vs South Africa	City of Coventry Stadium	5pm - 9.45pm
	26	Olympic Football x1 Men's game - Belarus Vs New Zealand	City of Coventry Stadium	7.45pm - 9.45pm
	27	Olympic Games Opening Ceremony	Live Site	7.30pm - 12.30am
	28	Olympic Football x2 Women's games Japan Vs Sweden, Canada Vs South Africa  Godiva Awakes - Awakening spectacular	City of Coventry Stadium	12noon - 4.45pm
			University Square, City Centre, Broadgate big screen	9pm - 11.30pm
	29	Godiva Awakes – dressing and procession  Olympic Football x2 Men's games Mexico Vs Gabon, Korea Republic Vs Switzerland	City Centre	12noon - 3pm
City of Coventry Stadium			2.30pm - 7.15pm	
31	Olympic Football x1 Women's game New Zealand Vs Cameroon	City of Coventry Stadium	7.45pm - 9.45pm	
August	1	Olympic Football x2 Men's games Japan Vs Honduras, Senegal Vs United Arab Emirates	City of Coventry Stadium	5pm - 9.45pm
	3	Olympic Football Women's quarter-finals game	City of Coventry Stadium	7.30pm - 9.30pm
	5	Godiva Awakes arrives in London	Waltham Forest, London	TBC
	9	Olympic Football Women's bronze medal game	City of Coventry Stadium	1pm - 3pm
	18 - 19	Join In - London 2012 Celebration of Sport	Millennium Place	All weekend
	12	Olympic Games Closing Ceremony	Live Site	7.30pm - 10.30pm
	23 - 25	Disability Sport Conference	Coventry Cathedral and Coventry University	All Day
	25	Paralympic Torch Flame Celebration	Millennium Place	2pm - 5pm
	26	Remembering the Titanic community dance day	Broadgate	11am - 3pm
29	Opening Ceremony for Paralympic Games	Live Site	7.30pm - 10.30pm	
Sept	9	Paralympic Closing Ceremony	Live Site	7.30pm - 10.30pm



**The Olympic Football tournament**  
City of Coventry Stadium, Coventry, 25 July – 9 August.  
Tickets on sale now.




# Get ahead for the Games

**From 25 July to 9 August, the City of Coventry Stadium hosts 12 Olympic Football matches including the Women's bronze medal match. To help ensure ticket holders, visitors and the local community are aware of the transport arrangements, here is some key travel information whilst the football is taking place here in the city.**

The City of Coventry Stadium is well-prepared for the sell-out crowds anticipated. However, the area will operate differently from 'normal' match days. Spectators are encouraged to travel to events by public transport so the transport arrangements for accessing the stadium will be different. The venue car parks will

be closed and other parking and road restrictions will be in force when matches are taking place. A number of park and walk car parks will be operating within a mile radius of the stadium and shuttle buses will run from city centre car parks and the rail and bus stations to the stadium, which may affect roads and traffic in the local area.

If you are going to watch any of the Olympic Football matches at the City of Coventry Stadium, please park in the city centre and take advantage of the free shuttle bus service or use the Park and Walk option, which should be booked in advance.

Football matches at the City of Coventry Stadium usually take place at the weekend, or in the evening, if a game is played midweek. During



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

the Olympic Games, some matches will take place on weekdays and during the daytime, which could affect businesses nearby.

It is strongly recommended that you arrive at the City of Coventry Stadium at least two hours before kick-off to allow enough time for

security checks. Please note there are a number of restrictions such as no bottles or umbrellas inside the stadium.

For more information: visit [www.London2012.com/travel](http://www.London2012.com/travel)

If you are a business located in the city centre or near the City of Coventry Stadium then visit [www.getaheadofthegames.com](http://www.getaheadofthegames.com) to access some useful business tips and advice for the Games time period.

Rail	Coventry Central – free shuttle bus to the stadium for ticket holders
Coach	Pre-booked parking in Car Park C at the stadium
Shuttle	Free match day shuttle service from the city centre for ticket holders
Park and Walk	Pre-bookable parking within approximately one mile of the venue
Park and Ride	Pre-bookable parking and free shuttle to the venue

## Moving the goalposts in Coventry

**Coventry plays host to a national women's football exhibition 'Moving the Goalposts'.**

Coventry City Council and Coventry University have come together to celebrate Coventry's participation in the London 2012 Olympics with the contemporary national women's football exhibition which runs from 23 July to 12 August. This dynamic exhibition and education project was conceived by Coventry artist Colin Yates. It looks at the hidden history of British women's football from 1881

to the present day. Yates has commissioned 13 artists working across disciplines to create work that responds to and interprets this subject.

'Moving the Goalposts' made a successful debut at The People's History Museum in Manchester last year before travelling on to the Rugby Art Gallery and Museum, Wembley Stadium, and the 'Women in Media' event at the Ethihad Stadium in Manchester, where artwork from the show was used to illustrate Gabby Logan's BBC documentary 'Sexism in Football'.

The exhibition will be showing at Coventry University's new Lanchester Gallery on Jordan Well. Admission to the exhibition will be free, with opening times of Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 6pm and Sunday 10am to 4pm.



Colin Yates (Curator of the exhibition; Cllr Mal Mutton and Jill Journeaux (Coventry University)

## Welcoming the world to Coventry

While Olympic hopefuls have been stepping up their training for London 2012, hundreds of Coventry Ambassadors have been gearing up in readiness to greet thousands of visitors to the city in July and August.

Over 300 volunteers have been receiving training in readiness to represent the city when it hosts the Olympic Football competition.

As part of the training programme – designed and delivered by Coventry University's Organisational Development and Learning team – the Ambassadors have been getting advice from professionals on how to create a great impression on visitors, and are having their city knowledge put to the test in a Coventry quiz.

*Ambassadors will be stationed in key locations across Coventry*

Training sessions took place recently at the Alan Higgs Centre, the Xcel Leisure

*Ambassadors will be on the front line greeting visitors during the 2012 Games*

Centre, the University's Westwood Heath sports facility and Coventry Council House.

Coventry Ambassadors are set to play a crucial role in providing information, assistance and a warm welcome to the thousands of visitors expected in the city next summer to ensure they enjoy every minute of their experience in Coventry.

Ambassadors will be stationed in key locations across Coventry, including at major transport hubs, public spaces, visitor hotspots and outside the stadium itself.

Some of the team were on duty recently when Senegal and Oman competed in the Men's Olympic Football Tournament qualification play-off match.

Dave Boughey, Coventry University's sports and physical activity volunteering coordinator and lead

coordinator for the Coventry Ambassadors programme, said:

"The Ambassadors will be on the front line greeting visitors during the 2012 Games, so it's important that they're well equipped to help visitors have a great experience in Coventry.

"The University's Organisational Development and Learning team has put together an excellent training package, and I've every confidence that this, in addition to the enthusiasm our Ambassadors have shown so far, will help leave a lasting, strong impression of the city on visitors."

The Coventry Ambassadors scheme is funded by



Lydia Otubanjo launches the Coventry Ambassador uniform

Coventry City Council and managed by Coventry University in conjunction with Voluntary Action Coventry and Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Sport.

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



Ambassador Dennis Brittain gears up for the action

### Coventry Ambassadors



Coventry Ambassador Team Leaders at a recent event

# Godiva Awakes

**With just over a month to go until Imagineer Productions' Godiva Awakes takes place in Coventry as part of the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad, her beautifully designed and handcrafted garments are nearing completion.**

Awakened in University Square on 28 July, Godiva will be clothed in a transparent modern-style medieval shift with gold hand-painted godets and trailing sleeves created by international fashion designer Zandra Rhodes and a group of Coventry University students.

The dress will be topped off with a beautiful silk coat and embroidered with text

and imagery reflecting the industries and traditional crafts of the West Midlands region. These include glove making in Worcester, glass-making in Smethwick and chain making in the Black Country.

On her journey to London she will arrive in Northampton, where she will be presented with a pair of made-to-measure leather riding boots, carefully hand crafted in the tradition of a great Northamptonshire craftsman which she will wear for her onward journey.

All of Godiva's garments are now nearing completion. The 'Big Sew' for the coat has already commenced, which included the joining

together of six, 5-metre silk panels that shape the coat. Godiva has also had her final dress fitting, with the aid of cherry-pickers due to her height.

The detailed work on Godiva's coat will mean it will be a beautiful, historical record of the industrial heritage of the West Midlands and a beacon of light and hope as she travels through towns and villages on her way to London.

Godiva will awake for the first time in 1000 years to a spectacular performance on 28 July in Coventry's University Square, Priory Street. This is a ticketed event with the last of the tickets to be released on 28 June. Non-ticket holders will be

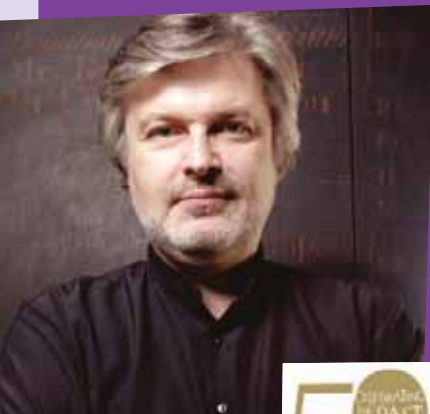


**Godiva's custom made-to-measure leather riding boot**

able to watch on a live screen in Broadgate.

For more information visit [www.imagineerproductions.co.uk](http://www.imagineerproductions.co.uk)

## Coventry Cathedral celebrates 50th anniversary



**World premiere performance of the Cathedral's newly commissioned 'Gloria' by James MacMillan**



**This year Coventry Cathedral celebrates its Golden Jubilee – a landmark occasion for a landmark building. The Cathedral is recognised internationally as a World Centre for Peace and Reconciliation. The Ruins are listed on the World Monuments Fund 2012 Watch List as an internationally important and sacred landmark.**

During 2012 a cultural programme of art, music, theatre, poetry and worship is taking place that will inspire everyone.

Our exciting list of events features a world premiere performance of the Cathedral's newly commissioned Gloria by James MacMillan as part of the 2012 Cultural Olympiad, as well as performances by distinguished guests such as Aled Jones, Dame Gillian Weir, the Jaguar Land Rover Band, Elvis in the Cathedral and so many more! The broad mix also includes a Reconciliation Film Festival, a unique and exclusive Art Exhibition, RSC Youth Theatre "Redcrosse" St George production as well as

Imagineer's "Godiva Awakes" Carnival in University Square. The Cathedral has a very interesting Visitor Centre and is always a great place to visit whilst the hidden gem of the Blitz Experience is now open daily to visitors for the first time in 2012!

Programme announcements will be made throughout the year. Please visit [www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/50](http://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/50) for further details on events and tickets.

Join with us in celebrating the past and embracing the future – we look forward to welcoming you.

## World Shakespeare Festival

**Celebrating Shakespeare and the unique place his work has across the world is at the heart of the World Shakespeare Festival led by the Royal Shakespeare Company which began on 23 April.**

The festival includes major collaborations between leading international theatre companies, artists and large scale premieres of

international Shakespeare productions. Young people are at the heart of the festival, and a lot of the work has focused on bringing the bard alive in schools across the country, with pupils working with other youngsters across the world. Communities in different countries have also worked on projects linked to the festival.

The festival runs until the

beginning of the Olympic Games on 27 July.

To find out more information on the festival visit [www.worldshakespearefestival.org.uk](http://www.worldshakespearefestival.org.uk)

**"As You Like It" being performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company**





# A chance to explore Coventry through tours and trails

Coventry is offering a series of tours and trails to add to its visitor experience as the city gears up for London 2012.

The tours and trails will form part of the visitor offer and will delve into Coventry's past and present captivating audiences with the history of Coventry through timeless and stunning scenes of the city.

The tours began in May and will continue throughout the summer. For the history enthusiast

*Witness  
Coventry's  
historical sights.*

there are four choices, the Cathedral Quarter, Historical Quarter, The Grand Tour, and The Costumed Godiva Tour, led by Coventry's modern day Godiva. Enjoy Coventry's amazing sites such as Coventry Cathedral, St Mary's Guildhall, Fords Hospital and other hidden gems.



**Tour guides Roger Bailey, Pru Poretta and Pete Chambers leading Coventry's Tours and Trails**

If music is more to your taste, delve into Coventry's diverse music scene with the Coventry Rocks Music Tour, which is something of a musical masterpiece. Witness the inspirational music places that Coventry can celebrate both past and present, with the likes of The Beatles, local Coventry band The Enemy and Two

Tone artists.

To book call the Tourist Information Centre on 024 7622 5616, or visit St Michael's Tower, Old Cathedral Ruins, Priory Street, Coventry CV1 5AB.

Full information and times can be found by visiting [www.visitcoventryandwarwickshire.co.uk](http://www.visitcoventryandwarwickshire.co.uk)

# World Sport Day

Thousands of young people across the UK will be joining in with London 2012 World Sport Day, presented by Lloyds TSB, on Monday 25 June.

World Sport Day 25 June, 2012

As the final Get Set event before the Games, schools across Coventry will celebrate the athletes and cultures of the world by staging their own World Sport Day opening ceremony and profiling the sports, music, dance, languages, flags and food of the world.

The day will also open Lloyds TSB National School Sport Week.

Resources and more information are available from [www.london2012.com/worldsportday](http://www.london2012.com/worldsportday)

# Festival of Sport



Coventry primary school pupils will be trying out Olympic athletics events in a Festival of Sport at the end of the month. The week long event, funded by NHS Coventry and Centro, aims to give year 6 children the opportunity to experience Olympic and Paralympic athletics and provide links and routes into local clubs.

During the five days, 25-29 June, over 1000 pupils will participate in track and field

**Inspiring young people through  
Festival of Sport**

events such as sprints, hurdles, relays, javelin, discuss and long, high and triple jumps. For the very talented pupils there will be a competition over five events with gold, silver and bronze medals presented on a podium. And for the more creative, there will be dancing with the pupils planning and performing the closing ceremony at the end of each session.



# Eventful city



Table Football on St George's Day

Enjoy the new  
Broadgate with a  
host of events taking  
place this summer

## Got a Smartphone?

Download your **FREE London 2012 in Coventry app now!**

Over 20,000 apps have been downloaded already from some 150 countries. The mobile app is available on: iOS, Android, Blackberry OS, Windows Phone 7, HP

Web OS, Symbian and Bada or at [www.coventry.gov.uk/smartapp](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/smartapp)

Got a smartphone? Scan here



Search for **Coventry-2012 Games:**



After undergoing a dramatic development, the new Broadgate has now been transformed into a large pedestrianised space right in the heart of the city, making it the perfect location for events and performances, ranging from international markets to the Coventry beach which proved to be such a success with families

last year.

The impressive space has already been used to celebrate St George's Day, with many more events planned for the summer.

If you want to put on a play, perform, sing or dance in the new Broadgate we want to hear from you!

Please get in touch by contacting the Events team on 024 7683 2051.

For full event listings visit [www.visitcoventryandwarwickshire.co.uk](http://www.visitcoventryandwarwickshire.co.uk)

## The Big Ticket

The Coventry & Warwickshire Big Ticket gives you access to a wide range of attractions on a single ticket.

The Big Ticket allows you to enjoy three fantastic days out in Coventry and

Warwickshire for just £49.99 for a family of four (two adults and two under 16s), or £34.99 for two adults.

For more information visit <http://www.coventryandwarwickshireattractions.co.uk>

Every adult for two adults or over 16s (great for couples or friends) for just **£34.99!**

Every family entry for two adults and two children or two adults and two young people for just **£49.99!**

# THE BIG TICKET

**One Ticket  
Three Attractions  
Two amazing ways to save**

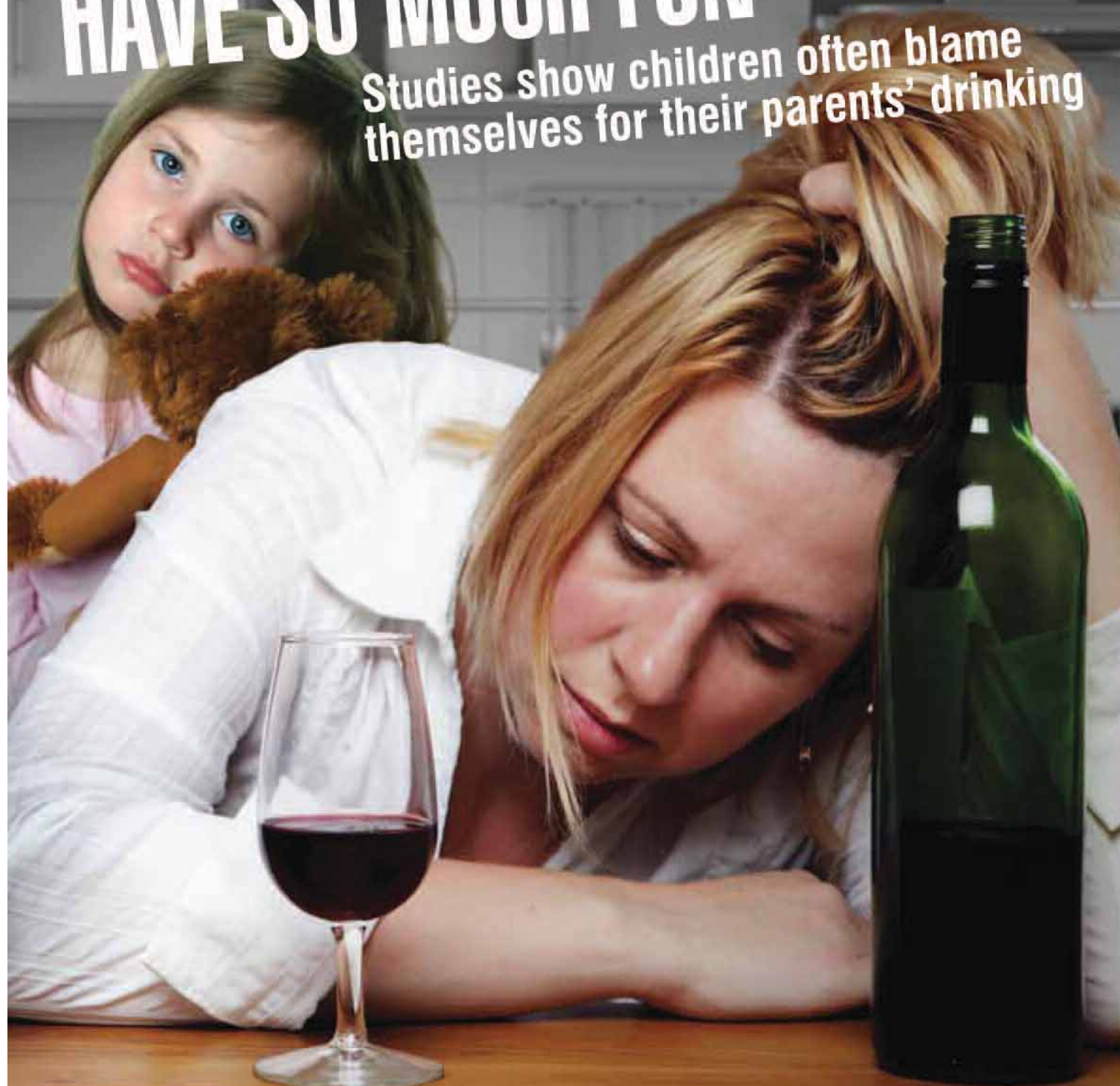
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[www.coventry.gov.uk/london2012](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/london2012)

# ME AND MUM USED TO HAVE SO MUCH FUN

**NHS**  
Coventry


Studies show children often blame themselves for their parents' drinking




If you're a parent and need help with your drinking, speak to your GP or call The Recovery Partnership on

**024 7663 0135**  
or visit [www.coventry.gov.uk/alcohol](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/alcohol)



Remember, you should not regularly drink more than 2-3 units daily 

Remember, you should not regularly drink more than 3-4 units daily 

Your four-page guide to what's new on the healthcare scene in and around Coventry

# I felt fine!

... but Keith Farndon was shocked to find out he had bowel cancer

**A fighting fit pensioner is making the most of his retirement – after beating bowel cancer.**

Keith Farndon (pictured below), aged 73, spends his days growing vegetables, keeping chickens on his small holding and playing bowls.

But his life could have been very different if his bowel cancer was not spotted by a routine screening test.

Last year, two in every five people in Coventry and Warwickshire ignored their invitation to be checked for the disease. Keith is now urging people to make sure they take up the invitation.

He was shocked when doctors told him he had bowel cancer because he has suffered no symptoms and felt very well.

He said: "I didn't feel bad. I thought they must have got it wrong."

Keith was sent a home test kit for bowel cancer when he was 62. His first

test at 60 came back clear, but two years

## Cancer survivor Keith shows the importance of taking up 'Screen test' invitation

later results showed a problem.

So Keith, from Bulkington, was sent to St Cross Hospital in Rugby for further tests, where doctors found a tumour.

He had an operation to remove the diseased part of his bowel, underwent 30 weeks of chemotherapy and wore a colostomy bag for a year. Keith's experience also had a big impact on his friends, many of them had ignored their invites for bowel cancer screening, but decided to take the test after hearing about his story.

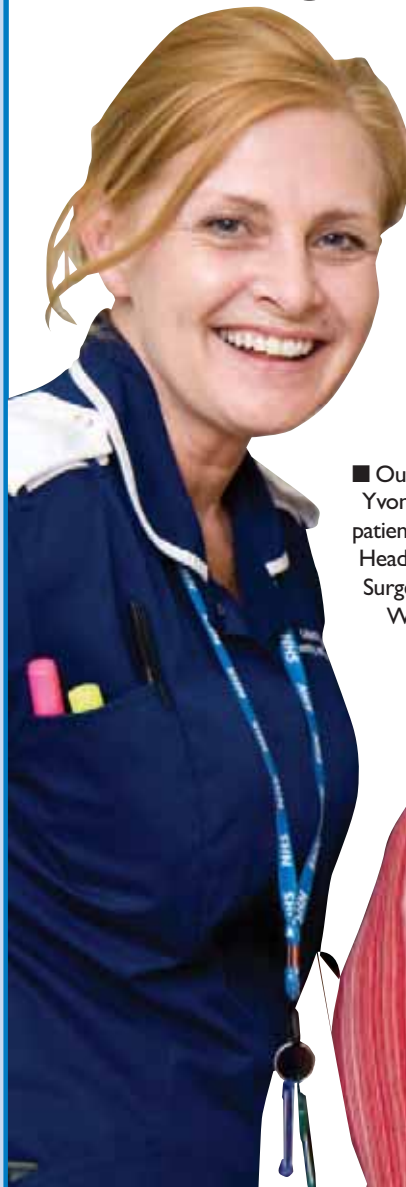
Keith is now urging anyone invited for a screening test to take part, he said: "Do it – it costs nothing."

Bowel cancer screening could save your life, for more information go to [www.cancerscreening.nhs.uk](http://www.cancerscreening.nhs.uk)

*\* Picture and words by Coventry Telegraph.*



## Doctors get a clearer picture,



A new service is ruling out cancers without the need to put patients to sleep at University Hospital, Coventry. A grant from the Arden Cancer Network of £40,000 has enabled the transnasal esophagoscopy (TNE) to be launched. Doctors can now investigate the swallowing tube between the throat and stomach without the need for further uncomfortable tests.

Grandma Debra Freemantle was the first patient to be referred to head

■ Outpatients Sister Yvonne Williams, patient Debra and Head and Neck Surgeon Gary Walton.



## 'Be Clear' cancer campaign to save lives

The Arden Cancer Network is raising awareness about the symptoms of lung cancer and how early diagnosis can save lives. Philippa Bleack (pictured right) from Rugby was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2010 and is supporting the national campaign 'Be Clear on Cancer' and encouraging people who have persistent symptoms to discuss them with their GP.

Philippa was diagnosed with a tumour in her right lung. Initially, she went to see her GP regarding a totally unrelated problem with her joints. She had pain in her ribs, shoulder and some backache, no cough or other symptoms of lung cancer.

The common symptoms of lung cancer are:

- A cough that has lasted for three weeks or more
- Coughing up blood
- Breathlessness

- Repeated chest infections
- Weight loss
- Chest/shoulder pain

She said: "I can only describe what happened within the space of three weeks as a whirlwind. I was lucky in that I had plenty of support and the specialist nurses were always available to answer any of my questions regardless of how insignificant they were, they also attended all the appointments I had with the consultants.

"The scans showed that my tumour could be removed by surgery, I had a successful operation in mid February 2010 where the lower lobe of my right lung was removed. I had brilliant care and treatment from all the staff at UHCW and my own doctor. Awareness and early detection of lung cancer is so important. If you are worried go and see your doctor."

## thanks to key new service



and neck surgeon Gary Walton who performed the procedure.

The procedure which took less than half an hour gave her surgeon a clear picture of the problem. A thin flexible tube was inserted through her nose and down the throat. Images from inside her body were recorded so they could be replayed in slow motion and Debra was able to see them. Luckily for Debra, there was no sign of anything sinister and she was discharged that day.

**Consultant Head and Neck Surgeon, Gary Walton said:** "The new technique involves a simple outpatient procedure. The advantages to the surgical team are multiple. A permanent record of the investigation is obtained which can be stored electronically for future reference and improving the governance of patients investigated for head and neck cancer. I am delighted with the difference this service is already beginning to have on patients and it certainly is a lot easier for them without having to go to sleep."

## Commissioning groups shape up

Coventry and Warwickshire's Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) have announced their new form and the geographic areas they will cover. CCGs are made up of local GP practices and will be responsible for commissioning health services in the area from April 2013.

In Coventry and Warwickshire there are now three CCGs, each of which will be operating in shadow form from 1st June until they become authorised and take on their full statutory duties next year. They are as follows:

- Coventry and Rugby Clinical Commissioning Group
- South Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group
- Warwickshire North Clinical Commissioning Group

The formation of the new Coventry and Rugby CCG comprises three constituent locality groups which had previously existed separately: Inspires CCG and Godiva CCG in Coventry, and Rugby CCG.

South Warwickshire CCG has remained in its current form and has been working hard over the past few months in its work to achieve authorisation.

Warwickshire North CCG comprises two constituent groups which had previously existed separately: North Warwickshire CCG and Nuneaton & Bedworth CCG.

The CCGs will be recruiting their respective governing bodies over coming months.

## New Public Health Director appointed

NHS Coventry and Coventry City Council have announced the appointment of the city's new Director of Public Health. Dr Jane Moore (pictured right) will take up her post from June 2012 and was previously



Director of Public Health for Outer North-East London. Dr Moore comes to Coventry with extensive experience of improving health outcomes.

Director of Public Health for Outer North-East London.

The Director of Public Health is responsible for working with partner organisations and the local population to promote and protect health and wellbeing in the city, prevent ill-health and prolong life for local people.

With a background both in

public health in London, the South West and Wales and in healthcare quality and safety at the Department of Health and the NHS, Dr Moore comes to Coventry with extensive experience of improving health outcomes.

Dr Jane Moore says: "I'm really excited about this new role in Coventry, working with colleagues in the local council and the NHS to make a difference to local people. I have always been passionate about working with individuals and communities to improve health and reduce health inequalities."

## New website offers first port of call for young people struggling with issues

Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust recently launched their Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) website.

The site is designed to be a good starting point for children and young people needing help with difficulties and issues that they are struggling with.

The content is based around global ideas, providing children and young people with easy to understand information. There are four main sections to the site.

Moodleton offers interactive help and support for mainly younger children. These pages use animated Moodle characters to



help direct the user to the relevant information.

The young people's content is aimed at those in secondary school who may be finding it hard to cope. Information on a

range of conditions can be accessed through the 'your problems app.'

The sections for professionals and parents/carers offers a resource to help children and young people, giving much more detail on a number of conditions along with training packages and classroom strategies.

The site is available through the Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust website at [www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk/CAMHS](http://www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk/CAMHS).

The Trust would welcome any feedback on the site, you can do this through any local CAMHS team whose details can be found in the Trust's service directory available at [www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk/OurServices/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk/OurServices/Pages/default.aspx)

# Mums-to-be get 'Best for Baby' tips from new calendar

**A new calendar called *Best for Baby* has been launched for new mums-to-be to help improve the health for both the mother and baby during and after pregnancy.**

NHS Coventry and Coventry City Council have worked in partnership with health professionals at University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust, Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust and MAMTA - FWT a centre for women. The new publication provides mums-to-be with a central information point to help keep themselves and their babies healthy.

The calendar includes information ranging from suggested vitamin supplements, the avoidance of smoking, alcohol and substance misuse during pregnancy, routine scans, baby movements, baby equipment and infant feeding, to keeping your baby safe and the first few days at home. The

calendar will be given to new mums-to-be in Coventry at their first antenatal appointment.

Noreen Bukhari, Manager at MAMTA - FWT a centre for women, said: "I'm pleased that we have this much needed publication available across the city for mums-to-be."

Coventry has a diverse population and as new communities settle into the city



■ A midwife passes on a copy of the new *Best for Baby* calendar, which offers invaluable advice on maintaining the health and wellbeing of both mother and baby before and after the birth.

they can benefit from this sort of booklet as it's also available in other languages, such as French, Gujarati, Polish, Punjabi and Urdu. Some women who don't speak English as their first language can access the same information in their preferred language and benefit from the services that are available to help and support them during and after their pregnancy."

*'Coventry has a diverse population and as new communities settle into the city they can benefit from this booklet as it's available in other languages...'*

## Pharmacies help spread the word on C-Card

Young people in Coventry have more opportunities to register for the C-Card or to access Chlamydia screening thanks to city pharmacies.

The C-Card offers FREE Condoms, Chlamydia screening and confidential advice around sex and relationships for all 13-25 year olds in Coventry.

To register to the C-Card Scheme you need to visit a C-Card site and have a confidential chat with a trained C-Card worker.

The scheme launched in 2010 has

had the fastest take up of any C-Card in the country, with almost 3,000 young people currently registered to the scheme.

With the addition of pharmacies, almost 400 people are trained to deliver the scheme. GPs across the city are also currently signing up for the training.

The pharmacies are:

- Boots, Cross Cheaping.
- Boots, Central Six.

- Lloyds, Tile Hill.
- Hillfields, Pharmacy.
- Monarch Pharmacy, Radford Road.
- Lloyds, Jubilee Crescent.
- ASDA Pharmacy, Walsgrave.
- Lloyds, Stoney Stanton Road.

For more information on the C-Card and where to register please go to [www.besavvy.org.uk](http://www.besavvy.org.uk) or see the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ccardcoventry](http://www.facebook.com/ccardcoventry)

## Hopes for plain packaging to put children off smoking

A government-run consultation on whether the UK should introduce plain cigarette packaging has been launched.

Plain packaging will mean that all tobacco products will be required to look the same, with colours, logos, holograms and wrappers removed. The Department of Health consultation, entitled "Standardised packaging of tobacco products" will run until the 10th July 2012 and asks the public and health professionals if they think that standardised packaging will have an impact on peoples' health and reduce uptake of smoking.

Sue Weston, Smokefree Warwickshire Co-ordinator, said: "While tobacco advertising in the UK is a thing of the past, advertising on cigarette packaging remains. Every year, 340,000 children in the UK are tempted to try smoking and evidence suggests they are more likely to be attracted by designed tobacco packs, than by plain packs. We're encouraging people to read and respond to the consultation."

Removal of logos and other design features will also mean that the space given for health warnings on packets will increase from 30 per cent to 75 per cent of the pack front.

The full consultation document can be found at <http://consultations.dh.gov.uk>.

University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust has launched a new Parkinson's Disease (PD) website.

The new website has been created by the Trust as a resource for residents in Coventry and

## Trust launches new Parkinson's site

Warwickshire to use. With details of the regional Parkinson's Disease team, information on the disease and current drug and therapy treatments, the site provides material from

experienced medical professionals.

Parkinson's Disease is a common condition affecting around one in every 500 people in the UK. This means in Coventry and Warwickshire

there are 1,450 people living with Parkinson's. There is currently no cure and we still don't fully understand why people get the condition. The new website is available at [www.uhcw.nhs.uk/parkinsons](http://www.uhcw.nhs.uk/parkinsons)

## Student wins hospital radio logo award



■ Munir Khalifa (second from left) is pictured with volunteers (from left) Cllr Harjinder Singh Sehmi, Tara Court, Joan Wright and Frank Miller.

Munir Khalifa from Sidney Stringer Academy has won a competition to design a logo for Coventry Hospital Radio based at University Hospital, Coventry.

The competition was organised by Neil Wilkes, a schoolteacher and volunteer radio presenter at University Hospital, who wanted to let the children of Coventry take part in the 'new look' station.

Neil first had the idea to involve schoolchildren after hearing about the Workplace Challenge, an initiative to let pupils from the local school complete real projects in a working environment.

The 16 year old winner learnt about the competition during a graphics lesson at school and was inspired to take part by his love of music. "My design is quite simple but it combines an image of music and with the heartbeat of the hospital."

Tara Court of the station said: "The logo competition was devised to give young people in Coventry a chance to get involved in their local community radio station.

"I was delighted with the variety of entries and really pleased with the winning entry which will be used to brand our station for the future.

"This is especially relevant as we move towards the celebrations of our 40 year anniversary."

# Get set for a happy and healthy 2012 Olympics

We hope you will enjoy soaking up the atmosphere of the 2012 Olympic Games. Here are some top tips to help you stay healthy and well...

**Enjoy the sunshine safely:** Apply generous amounts of at least SPF 15 sunscreen and top it up regularly. Stay out of the sun and seek shade between 11am and 3pm when the risk of burning is highest. Wear a hat and choose clothing that will keep you cool and covered.

**Eat well:** BBQs and picnics are great fun, but avoid getting ill by making sure that all food is cooked thoroughly before eating, and keep cold food cool in a cool box.

**Drink sensibly:** Stay hydrated and drink lots of water if the weather is hot. Please note that some venues restrict bringing in your own water so please check beforehand. If you are drinking alcohol, don't let it get in the way of you enjoying the Games. Make sure you eat

well and drink water or soft drinks in between alcoholic drinks – that way you won't risk missing any of the action.

### What if I need medical treatment or advice during the Games?

If you are ill or injured during the Olympic 2012 Games, choosing the right health service will mean that you will get the quickest and most appropriate treatment. ONLY call 999 in an emergency. There are lots of other health services on hand to help with less serious health concerns.

### Minor illness and injuries

**Information and advice:** To find a health service near you or for information about minor illnesses or injuries and how to treat them, visit [www.coventry.nhs.uk](http://www.coventry.nhs.uk)

**Pharmacies:** You can visit a pharmacist without an appointment for advice about a minor illness or injury and the medicine you need to treat it. At pharmacies and most supermarkets you can buy many medicines and

healthcare products, such as paracetamol, ibuprofen, indigestion remedies, emergency contraception, plasters, bandages and sunscreen. For your nearest pharmacy, visit [www.coventry.nhs.uk](http://www.coventry.nhs.uk)

**Walk-in services:** There is a walk-in centre in Coventry which offers convenient access to a range of treatments. Many centres are open 365 days a year and outside normal office hours. You can see a health professional without an appointment for treatment for a minor illness or injury that requires immediate attention.

### Life threatening emergencies

Accident and Emergency (A&E): If you or someone else is seriously ill or injured and you need emergency care fast, call 999 for an ambulance. If you need urgent hospital treatment for something that is not life threatening, such as a broken bone, visit the nearest A&E Department.

Please remember: if your illness or injury is NOT an emergency, you should visit the Walk-in Centre, GP or pharmacy

29 JUNE - 1 JULY 2012

# GODIVA FESTIVAL

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING ALCOHOL TO THE FESTIVAL**



# www.godivafestival.com

The free three-day ticketless family event, the Godiva Festival, is returning to Coventry's War Memorial Park. Celebrating its 15th year, the festival, which is produced by Coventry City Council, will once more deliver a weekend of family entertainment and live performances.

Last year over 120,000 festival goers attended the three day event, enjoying the best in family

entertainment, which included: big name artists, local bands, comedy, dance, arts and performance.

Cllr John Mutton, Leader of Coventry City Council, said: "The Godiva Festival is the jewel in the crown in the Coventry events calendar and as always we are determined to give Coventry residents a festival they can continue to be proud of. The Council has worked extremely hard over the years to create an award winning festival and we are

committed to continuing delivering this event, building on the excellent work that has already been put in. Last year, despite the improvements which were taking place in and around the park, we still managed to attract record crowds over the weekend, which just goes to prove how overwhelmingly popular this free family event continues to be."

He added: "Our main focus this year is to get even greater numbers of local people involved

in their festival and retain it for the residents of Coventry. Therefore, 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.

All in all, with everything that will be taking place at this year's festival, it really is going to be one fantastic weekend of entertainment for all the family!"

## FRIDAY 29 JUNE

### MAIN STAGE RETRO

Echo & The Bunnymen, Space, Coves and Kites.

### PARADISE TENT

**COMEDY: Laugh along with the finest in comedy talent...**

Matt Rees, Pippa Evans as Loretta Maine, and Raymond & Mr Timpkins Revue all compered by Jim Smallman.

### RHYTHM TENT

#### GODIVA UNSIGNED

The six winning bands from heats across the city will battle it out once more for the right to open up proceedings on the Main Stage on Saturday 30 June.

6pm-10.30pm

## SATURDAY 30 JUNE

### MAIN STAGE INDIE ROCK

Cast, Pigeon Detectives, The View, S.C.U.M, Pint Shot Riot, Sharks, Two Wounded Birds, Sixty Fours, Fallows, Russian Gun Dogs and Antics.

### PARADISE FAMILY TENT

A whole host of family based entertainment guaranteed to bring a smile to our younger audience. With performances from Bamboozled, Jones and Barnard,

Wolly, Strictly Dumb Prancing, Goronwy Thom and Rannel.

### RHYTHM TENT

**A diverse blend of Urban Commercial sounds.....**

Skepta, P Money, Monsta, Lady Leshurr, Neville Staples DJ set, The Communicators, Too Spicy and Riddimstone.

12pm-10.30pm

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## MICROACOUSTIC STAGES

The microacoustic stages are back. And they are bigger than ever... More space means more acts, more variety, and most importantly more fun! Two of Coventry's finest gospel choirs, **SOULFUL** and **FORTE** will be opening the stages on Friday and Sunday.

**SAM MCNULTY** will be premiering his new show **THE BOY WHO INVENTED EVERYTHING**, a light-hearted multi-media musical revue. Many of Coventry and Warwickshire's up and coming bands will be playing stripped-down, unplugged sets including: **THE POCKETS**, **DROP DOWN SMILING**, **RE-COVERED**, **THE JAV'LINS**, **THE SESSIONS**, to name, but a few... And, of course, the cream of the local acoustic music scene will provide a seamless stream of cool festival sounds over two acoustic stages throughout the weekend.

### Acts so far confirmed are:

Alex Warburton, Alice Robinson, Ben Owen, Bill Cameron, Butler, The Caprines, Chloe Juliette, Miss Ellie, Eva Pemberton, Huffy, Johnty, Kieran Molloy, Kit, Livvi Rose, LLoyd McGrath, Callum Pickard, Nina Baker, Sean McDonagh, Stylusboy and Yasmin Awome.

Further acts will be announced soon - check out the website for further details: [www.godivafestival.com](http://www.godivafestival.com)

## SUNDAY 1 JULY

### MAIN STAGE WORLD MUSIC DAY

A celebration of music from around the world featuring...

Maroon Town, OFFLICENCE, Rachel Sermanni, Soweto Entsha, Aman Hayer supported by Angrej Ali, Geeta Zaildar, Raju Dhinewala, dhol drummers and dancers.

12pm-4.30pm

### OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY

In this Olympic year, Sunday's excitement continues into the evening as the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay arrives in the city. Welcoming the Olympic flame to Coventry is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate and be part of the 2012 Games. The free event features a newly created Coventry themed anthem by Talking Birds.

4pm-7.30pm

### PARADISE FAMILY TENT

A whole host of family based entertainment, including performances from, Bamboozled, Jones and Barnard, Wolly, Strictly Dumb Prancing, Goronwy Thom and Rannel

### RHYTHM TENT

A magical feast of "Theatre and Performance" hosted by The Albany Theatre Trust.

## KIDS TENT

Free arty fun to entertain and inspire the festival's younger visitors, provided by established artists from the local scene.

Saturday 12noon - 5pm  
Sunday 12noon - 4pm

## ROLLER RINK

Returning this year! Kids, teenagers, adults unite and skate together along to music from the last five decades!

- Open all three days
- Friday 6:00pm - 10pm
- Saturday 12noon - 10pm
- Sunday 12noon - 4pm
- Roller Boogie for the over 16s only (Charges apply)

## URBAN YOUTH TENT

The Urban Youth Tent is the place to be for teenagers and young people at Godiva Festival, featuring local MCs, DJs, dancers and musicians. Experience the music, dance and art from some of Coventry's top young performers. There will be music all day Saturday and Sunday with special performances throughout the weekend! There will be a selection of stalls providing information and services for young people including the C-Card and "Got it" teams.

Saturday 12noon - 6:30pm  
Sunday 12noon - 4pm

## TOMMY WILSON'S FUNFAIR

The fun of the fair returns once again with a huge selection of rides, arcades and fun and games for the whole family to enjoy together! (Charges apply)

## LIVES AND TIMES

The Coventry and Warwickshire annual local and family history fayre includes many local societies and museums, celebrating the rich and diverse history of Coventry and the surrounding area.

Saturday 12noon - 5pm  
Sunday 12noon - 4pm

## GREENSPACE

Offering a unique mix of eco-friendly local and national groups. Local craftsmen will give live demonstrations and a variety of organisations will encourage and educate on environmental issues.

Saturday 12noon - 5pm  
Sunday 12noon - 4pm

## PLEASE NOTE

This year the Godiva Carnival will not form part of the Godiva Festival and will now be on 29 July 2012 as part of the Cultural Olympiad celebrations. Godiva will be the focal point of the Godiva Carnival in Coventry and will be a magnificent celebration for all the family.



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# Fun in the sun this summer...

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

## JUNE

**11 (until 17) – Walk of Warwickshire.** Here's your chance to help JD from the Free Radio Coventry and Warwickshire breakfast show on his 100-mile walk around Coventry and Warwickshire to raise money for the Heritage Snowball Appeal. Walk the last 12 miles of the journey with him from Warwick Racecourse to Coventry city centre. Find out more and enter at [www.freeradiocoventryandwarwickshire.co.uk](http://www.freeradiocoventryandwarwickshire.co.uk)

**15 (until 17) – Coventry Steam Boat Rally,** Canal Basin. The largest gathering of steam driven canal narrow boats seen in the city for at least a generation. Contact Keith Ward and Philip Martino at [keith.coundon@btinternet.com](mailto:keith.coundon@btinternet.com), call 07969895317, or [pemartino@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:pemartino@tiscali.co.uk), call 07802442385.

**16 – Allesley Park Community Fun Day (11am-3pm).** Free pre-Olympic community fun day for all the family. Check out [www.allesleypark.info](http://www.allesleypark.info)

**16 – Fabulous Fathers,** War Memorial Park (11am-1pm). Come along to the education room in the Visitors Centre to create some wonderful Father's Day gifts. £2.60 per child, suitable for four years and upwards.

**17 – Wild West Sunday,** Allesley Park (1.30-3.30pm). Join the Rangers for a fun-packed session offering a range of activities for cowboys and Indians alike, including making a bow and arrow, learning how to tie and throw a lasso and decorating Indian headdresses. £1.55 or £1 Passport to Leisure and Learning. No booking required.

**17 – Bands In The Park,** Allesley Hall (2.30-4pm). Free entertainment from the Dene River Jazzmen. Call 024 7683 2479.

**20 (also July 7, 18, 21) – Water Vole Volunteer Day,** Lake View

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

**Park (10am-3pm).** Also at Longford Park, Longford Road car park on June 24 and July 4, and Brookside Ave Bridge (Whitaker Rd) on July 11 and 14. Help to protect and enhance the habitat of the endangered water vole at a series of volunteer days organised in partnership with Warwickshire Wildlife Trust to remove invasive plant species and re-plant with native species. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided but bring lunch if you plan to stay the whole day. Suitable for adults and older children with a parent or guardian. Call the Rangers on 024 7683 3372.

**21 – Pre School Alliance Fun Day,** War Memorial Park (10am-2pm). A free fun day for pre-school children and their families.

**21 (until 23) – Guys and Dolls,** presented by Coventry Musical Theatre Society at The Belgrade Theatre, Belgrade Square. (7.45pm evenings, 3pm Thursday, 2.30pm Saturday). Tickets £12.50-£19. Call box office on 024 7655 3055, or visit [www.belgrade.co.uk/event/guys-and-dolls](http://www.belgrade.co.uk/event/guys-and-dolls)

**23 – Recycled Grand Prix,** Coombe Country Park (1-3pm). Let your imagination run wild creating model racing cars from all sorts of junk. Then put your car to the test by racing it in Coombe's amazing Recycled Grand Prix. £2.70 and booking essential – call 024 7645 3720.

**23 – Green Fayre,** War Memorial Park. For all things green and sustainable, come along and see a range of stalls, displays and activities including food, crafts, music and advice. Call Andy Littlewood on 024 7683 2330.

**24 – Race for Life,** Stoneleigh Park. Organisers want 5,000 women and girls to help raise £287,000 for Cancer Research.

Enter Race for Life at [www.raceforlife.org](http://www.raceforlife.org) or call 0871 641 1111.

**24 – Bands In The Park,** Spencer Park (2.30-4pm). Free entertainment from Coventry City Salvation Army Band. Call 024 7683 2479.

**27 – Bird Watching Basics,** Coombe Country Park (6.30-8pm). Bird watching workshop. Coombe's Midweek Series runs on the last Wednesday of every month from May to September. Suitable for adults. £2.70

**29 (until July 1) – Godiva Festival,** War Memorial Park. The Midlands' largest free family festival. (Friday 7-10pm, Saturday noon-10pm, Sunday noon-10pm). Check out [www.godivafestival.com](http://www.godivafestival.com) 30 – Armed Forces' Day.

## JULY

**1 – Olympic Torch Relay,** War Memorial Park (4-7.30pm). Join the celebrations as the Olympic Torch arrives in Coventry.

**2 – Olympic Torch leaves Coventry,** Millennium Place (7am).

**7 – Creatures of the Night,** Coombe Country Park (9-11pm). Learn how to identify bats by their sounds and trap and investigate moths up close and personal. £2.70. Suitable for adults and older children, and booking essential. Call 024 7645 3720.

**8 – Bands In The Park,** War Memorial Park (2.30-4pm). Free entertainment from the New Washboard Syncopators. Call 024 7683 2479.

**14 – Centro sustainability event,** Broadgate.

**14 – Older Children/Teenagers' Poetry Workshop,** War Memorial Park (noon-3pm). Award-winning poet Antony Owen and fellow poet and film maker Mal Dewhirst host a free

workshop exploring themes from Owen's second collection of war poetry. Suitable for 11 to 16 year olds. Places limited – to book, call the Visitor Centre on 024 7678 6280.

**15 – Bands In The Park,** Longford Park (2.30-4pm). Free entertainment from the Cubbington Silver Band.. Call 024 7683 2479.

**21 (until August 2) – Godiva Awakes,** University Square. The start of the epic journey of Godiva to London in celebration of the start of the London Olympics and Paralympic Games. For more information, visit [www.imagineerproductions.co.uk](http://www.imagineerproductions.co.uk)

**21 – Children's Poetry Workshop,** War Memorial Park (11am to 2pm). Award-winning poet Antony Owen and fellow poet and film maker Mal Dewhirst host this free workshop which makes poetry fun. Suitable for seven to 11 year olds. Places limited – to book, call the Visitor Centre on 024 7678 6280.

**22 – Bands In The Park,** Allesley Hall (2.30-4pm). Free entertainment will be brought to you by Phoenix Rock and Roll Band. Call 024 7683 2479.

**25 (until 27) – Coombe Kids' Club,** Coombe Country Park (8am-6pm). The perfect place for active kids to get out into the fresh air and have fun. Children can stay for a half day, full day or for the whole week. £3.15 per hour, minimum stay of five hours. Suitable for eight to 14 year olds. Booking essential on 024 7645 3720. (Club days also on July 30-August 3, August 6-10, August 13-17, August 20-24, August 27-31).

**25 – Love Parks Week,** Allesley Park (1.30-3.30pm). Celebrate your local park during national Love Parks Week. Events are open access, all under eights must be supervised and all over eights must have a completed parental permission slip (available from the Rangers on the day). No booking required. Also at Caludon Park on July 26, Longford Park (Windmill Road) on July 27.

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

**25 – Grasshoppers and Bush Crickets**, Coombe Country Park (6.30-8pm). Could you tell a grasshopper and cricket apart? No, then this is the perfect workshop for you. £2.70. Coombe's Midweek Series runs on the last Wednesday of every month from May to September.

**26 – Fishing for beginners**, Coombe Country Park (2.30-4.30pm, also August 3, 7, 13, 22 and 31). Have a go at fishing, with all equipment provided. Meet at the Visitor Centre. £2.70, suitable for eight to 12 years old, and booking essential – call 024 7645 3720.

**27 – Olympic Games Opening ceremony**, Live Site, Millennium Place (7.30-10.30pm).

**30 (also August 13 and 30) – Fresh Air and Fun**, The Lindfield (1.30-3.30pm). Free outdoor fun with games and craft activities. Open access. All under eights must be supervised and all over eights must have a completed parental permission slip available from the Rangers on the day. Suitable for eight to 12 years, and no booking required. (Also at Radford Common on July 31 and August 28, Primrose Hill Park on August 1 and 29, Allesley Park on August 6 and 22, Caludon Park on August 7 and 23, Longford Windmill Road Park on August 8, Radford Common on August 14 and Primrose Hill Park on August 15, Longford Park on August 21).

## AUGUST

**1 – Coombe Boat Race**, Coombe Country Park (11am-1pm) – Make your own recycled boat, good enough to win the Coombe Boat Race. £2.70. Suitable for all the family, and booking essential – call 024 7645 3720.

**2 (also August 16 and 30) – Iris May Falcons**, Coombe Country Park (11am-1pm). Get up close and personal with fearsome birds of prey. Free and suitable for everyone.

**2 – Teddy Bears' Picnic**, War Memorial Park (11am-1pm). Calling all teddies! Join in our arts and crafts picnic trail – and don't forget your picnic too! All teddies must be accompanied by a responsible carer! £1.55 per child. Suitable for families and children three years and upwards. This activity is centred around the tennis pavilion and play area.

**4 – Donkey Derby and Charities Fair**, War Memorial Park (noon-5.30pm). Help the local



## Who loves to boogie?

The life of glam rock legend Marc Bolan and T Rex is captured in the hit musical *20th Century Boy*, which heads the line-up of autumn shows at the city's Belgrade Theatre.

Running on the Belgrade's Main Stage from September 14-29, the show is packed full of T.Rex gems, from *Ride a White Swan* and *Metal Guru*, to the title track, *20th Century Boy*.

Tickets for this and other shows are on sale now and can be purchased from the box office on 024 7655 3055 or via [www.belgrade.co.uk](http://www.belgrade.co.uk), where cheaper tickets are available.

Lions group raise money for charity.

**4 – Batty about Bats**, Coombe Country Park (8-10pm). Fun-filled interactive session hunting for Coombe's batty bats. £2.70, suitable for all the family – booking essential on 024 7645 3720.

**5 – Bands In The Park**, War Memorial Park (2.30-4pm). Free entertainment from the Dayspring Steel Band. Call 024 7683 2479.

**6 (until August 10) – Local Christian Churches family fun week**. Citywide. Free.

**8 – Lucky Ladybirds**, Coombe Country Park (11-1pm). Explore the park on a ladybird hunt. £2.70. Suitable for families, and booking essential – call 024 7645 3720. Meet at the Visitor Centre.

**12 – Vintage Motorcycle Club Coventry Parade**, Coombe Country Park. The first motorcycle leaves at 11am, returning at approximately 2.30pm.

**12 – Bands In The Park**, Spencer Park (2.30-4pm). Free entertainment by Coventry Festival Band. Call 024 7683 2479.

**12 – Olympic Games Closing Ceremony**, Live Site, Millennium Place (7.30-10.30pm).

**15 (also August 21) – Den Building for beginners**, Coombe Country Park (10.30am-noon). Learn the survival tricks to create the perfect shelter. £2.70 and booking essential – call 024 7645 3720.

**15 (also August 21) – Camp Fires for beginners**, Coombe Country Park (1-2.30pm). Fun-filled interactive session building campfires out of natural materials. £2.70. Booking essential – call 024 7645 3720.

**16 – Bumble-tastic bees**, War Memorial Park (11am-1pm). To

mark National Bumble Bee Day on August 18, you can find out more about bumble bees through some fun art and craft activities. £1.55 per child, and no booking required.

**17-18 – Camp Coombe**, Coombe Country Park.

Challenging day of essential conservation tasks, then relax by the camp fire for an evening of stories, music and games. Bring your own tents – tents can be provided at an extra cost. Bring your own food to cook over the open fire. £10.50pp. Suitable for families. Any young people under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Booking essential – call 024 7645 3720.

**18 – Coventry Big Fun Run**, War Memorial Park (11am start). Run 5 km around the park for a charity of your choice. Check out [www.bigfunrun.com](http://www.bigfunrun.com)

**19 – Bands In The Park**, Allesley Hall (2.30-4pm). Free entertainment by the Jaguar Landrover Band. Call 24 7683 2479.

**23 – Furious Vikings!**, War Memorial Park (11am-1pm). Learn about the games that Viking children would have played, £2.60 per child and suitable for six years and upwards.

**25-26 – Festival of Motoring**, Stoneleigh Park. Event features the historic vehicle run through the Warwickshire countryside. visit [www.festival-of-motoring.co.uk](http://www.festival-of-motoring.co.uk) or call 024 7623 4290

**26 – Bands In The Park**, War Memorial Park (2.30-4pm). Free entertainment by Jazz Unlimited. Call 024 7683 2479.

**29 – Bats for Beginners**, Coombe Country Park (6.30-8pm). Learn all about the different

varieties Coombe has on site. £2.70. Coombe's Midweek Series runs on the last Wednesday of every month from May to September.

**29 – Sports and Games**, War Memorial Park (1-4pm). As part of National Family Week's Health and Fitness initiative, Simon of Si Sports delivers free sports and games for children. Meet by the tennis pavilion. Suitable for six years old and upwards.

**30 – Back to School Fun**, War Memorial Park (11am-1pm). Make yourself a pencil case or a kit bag to impress your friends! £2.60 per child, and suitable for seven years and upwards.

## SEPTEMBER

**1 – Come build a scarecrow**, Coombe Country Park (10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30-3.30pm). Follow the Crow trail out into the meadow to find Mrs Scarecrow and build your very own straw friend to take home. To book, call 024 7645 3720.

**2 – Bands In The Park**, Allesley Hall (2.30-4pm). Free entertainment by The Gershwin Gang. Call 024 7683 2479.

**8-9 – Heritage Open Weekend**, Coombe Country Park (11am-3pm). Discover what life at Coombe was really like over 200 years ago. Free, just pick up a trail from the Visitor Centre. No booking required.

**8-9 – Citywide Heritage Open Days**. Places of interest that the public may not normally have access to, open for viewing/tours. [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)

**8-9 – Championship Obedience Dog Show**,

Coundon Hall Park (7.30am-10pm). Coventry Dog Training Club hosts its annual show.

**8 – Pirates on Parade!**, War Memorial Park (11am-1pm). Pirate-themed activity session. £2.60 per child, suitable for families, and no booking required.

**8 – Pond Dipping**, Coombe Country Park (2-3.30pm tbc). Find out what creatures lurk beneath the surface of a local pond. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 50p, and booking essential on 024 7645 3720.

**9 – Bands In The Park for Heritage Open Day**, Caludon Park (2.30-4pm). Free entertainment by the City of Coventry Brass. Call 024 7683 2479.

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Cllr David Galliers and Cllr David Kershaw CBE hold regular surgeries: Keresley surgery held at the Coronation Club, Keresley Road 12-1.00pm the first Saturday in the month. Allesley surgery held at Allesley Parish Church Hall, 5-6pm on the second Monday of the month. You can also contact them directly on the details below:  
**Cllr David Galliers:** 07973 780871 or david.galliers@coventry.gov.uk  
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**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:** Call 024 7683 1276 (daytime) or e-mail kevin.foster@coventry.gov.uk  
**Cllr Hazel Noonan:** Call 024 7683 1039 (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 07956 491443 or e-mail harjinder.singhsehmi@coventry.gov.uk

**I EARLSDON**

**Cllr Allan Andrews:** Surgeries are held second Thursday of every month (except August), from 6-7pm at the West Orchard United Reformed Church, Baginton Road. Home visits also conducted. Call 024 7683 1039 or e-mail allan.andrews@coventry.gov.uk www.allanandrews.com or follow on twitter @allanandrews  
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**I HOLBROOK**

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**Cllr Ann Lucas:** Call 024 7633 2084 or 024 7683 1039 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 St Thomas' Parish Church Hall, Longford Road. Please call 024 7636 0898 to a surgery appointment.  
**Cllr George Duggins:** Second Saturday of every month 12-1pm 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 Club, Roseberry Avenue or call 024 7683 1003 (daytime) or e-mail george.duggins@coventry.gov.uk  
**Cllr Lindsley Harvard:** First Saturday of every month 10.45-11.45am at the Scout Hut, Aldermans Green Road and 12-1pm at the Bell Green Community Centre, Old Church Road. First Sunday of every month 11am-12 at the Church Hall, St Thomas' Parish Church, Longford Road, and 12.15-1.15pm at the Bell Green Club, Roseberry Avenue. Call 024 7667 5717, or e-mail lindsley.harvard@coventry.gov.uk

**I LOWER STOKE**

**Cllr John McNicholas:** If you have a problem, need help or advice, can visit you in your own home and can be contacted on 024 7683 1039 (daytime), 024 7650 4037 (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 or e-mail philip.townshend@coventry.gov.uk  
**Cllr Catherine Miks:** Call 024 7683 1039 or 07415 534274 or e-mail catherine.miks@coventry.gov.uk

**I RADFORD**

**Cllr Mal Mutton:** Call 024 7630 4497 or 024 7683 1039 for an appointment or e-mail mal.mutton@coventry.gov.uk  
**Cllr Keiran Mulhall:** 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 1039 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, 12-1pm 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 Naaem Akhtar:** For an appointment call 07747 003141 or e-mail naaem.akhtar@coventry.gov.uk  
**Cllr Jim O'Boyle:** Second Saturday of each month, 12-1pm 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 Alison Gingell:**

For an appointment call 07541 741617 or e-mail alison.gingell@coventry.gov.uk  
**Cllr Damian Gannon:** For an appointment call 07725 536259 or e-mail damian.gannon@coventry.gov.uk

**I UPPER STOKE**

**Cllr Kamran Caan:** Happy to make a home visit. For an appointment call 07730 111101 or e-mail kamran.caan@coventry.gov.uk  
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**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.  
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**I WESTWOOD**

**Cllr Maya Ali:** For an appointment call 074155 34273 or e-mail maya.ali@coventry.gov.uk  
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**Cllr Richard Sandy:** Surgeries will be held at The Lime Tree Club, Templar Avenue second Saturday of the month from 12-1pm 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:** If you require help or advice, can visit you in your home. To arrange an appointment call 07540 083974 or e-mail dan.howells@coventry.gov.uk  
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**Cllr Bally Singh:**

Regular Surgeries are held every third Saturday of the month 10am-noon at the St Mary Magdeline Centre, Sir Thomas White Road. Also morning chat every first Friday of the month 8.30-9am at Stoke Bakery, Allesley Park. Call 07779 256898 for an appointment, or e-mail bally.singh@coventry.gov.uk

**I WOODLANDS**

Cllr Patricia Hetherton and Cllr Steven Thomas hold regular surgeries on the 4th Friday of each month at Tile Hill Library, Jardine Crescent from 5-7pm  
**Cllr Patricia Hetherton:** Please call 07985 811881 for an appointment or e-mail patricia.hetherton@coventry.gov.uk  
**Cllr Steven Thomas:** For an appointment call my residents' hotline 07535 423796 or email steven.thomas@coventry.gov.uk  
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**I WYKEN**

**Cllr Robert Thay:** For an appointment call 07875 031851 or email robert.thay@coventry.gov.uk  
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**Cllr Hazel Sweet:** For an appointment or home visit call 024 7661 6273 or e-mail hazel.sweet@coventry.gov.uk  
 You can visit your ward councillors every Friday 6.30 - 7.30pm at Wyken Working Men's Club, Ansty.

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