

Summer Events 2011



Warwick
Kenilworth
Leamington spa
Warwickshire's warmest welcome



There is so much to explore in our town centres, with a range of attractions including nationally-recognised theatres and live music venues, museums, art galleries and ancient castles. Relax in our award-winning parks and gardens, or shop till you drop with our unique mix of top quality independent retailers and high street brands. The area has a strong reputation for a lively and varied cultural offer which compliments the extensive variety of cafes, traditional pubs and restaurants.

These enviable assets make the town centres a joy to visit at any time of year but there's a special atmosphere and vibrancy over the summer months. Included in this leaflet is just a selection of the many fun and family-friendly events taking place within the district.

For help in planning your visit, booking accommodation, or for further information on specific attractions, places to visit, events and discounted tickets, contact our information centres:



Warwick Tourist Information Centre

The Court House, Jury Street, Warwick, CV34 4EW

01926 492 212

info@visitwarwick.co.uk

www.visitwarwick.co.uk



Kenilworth Tourist Information Centre

The Library, Smalley Place, Kenilworth, CV8 1QG

01926 852 595

kenilworthlibrary@warwickshire.gov.uk

www.kenilworthweb.co.uk



Leamington Visitor Information Centre

Royal Pump Rooms, Parade, Leamington Spa, CV32 5HZ

01926 742 762


vic@warwickdc.gov.uk


www.royal-leamington-spa.co.uk

Warwickshire's Warmest Welcome!

Traditional Retail Markets

Our thriving weekly markets are as popular as ever. With everything from fresh produce to household goods and clothing, there's something for everyone.

 Warwick - Market Place
Saturdays, 9am – 4pm


 Kenilworth - Abbey End
Thursdays, 9am – 4pm



Farmers' Markets

Farmers from the beautiful surrounding countryside bring their speciality produce and fresh seasonal fruit and vegetables to Warwick and Leamington for these monthly markets.

www.skettfarmersmarkets.co.uk

 Leamington - Pump Room Gardens
Every 4th Saturday of the month,
9am – 2pm
25 June, 23 July, 27 Aug, 25 Sept

 Warwick - Market Place
Every 3rd Friday of the month from May to September, 9am – 2pm and
Farmers' Market Special -
Saturday 30th July, 9am – 4pm

For more information on markets in Warwick, Kenilworth and Leamington:
Sketts Quality Events - 01789 267 000
www.sketts.co.uk

Concerts in the Park

Summer 2011

Every Sunday from 29th May
until 28th August (not including
14th and 21st August)
3pm – 5pm, Jephson Gardens
with selected dates in Abbey
Fields, Kenilworth and St Nicholas
Park, Warwick.

Bring a picnic to share with friends and family and enjoy these free afternoon concerts in the park.

For more details pick up a leaflet at the Visitors Information Centres. Organised by Warwick District Council and supported by the Royal Leamington Spa Town Council.



For a full list of events happening in Warwick, Kenilworth and Leamington visit:

www.visitwarwick.co.uk

www.kenilworthweb.co.uk

www.royal-leamington-spa.co.uk



Historic Walking Tours

Every day (Mon – Fri)
13th June – 19th August

Free evening walks for locals and visitors, lead by a friendly group of volunteer guides.

Find out more about Leamington's fascinating history through these entertaining and informative tours. Walks start from Jephson Gardens and last approx 1 hour.

Contact: 01926 450 906
www.leamingtonspatowncouncil.gov.uk

Open-Air Theatre

Jephson Gardens
7pm

Bring a picnic and enjoy a theatrical experience in the beautiful surroundings of Leamington's Award-Winning gardens. 'Pinocchio'

Wed 15th & Thur 16th June
'Pride and Prejudice'

Wed 22nd & Thur 23rd June

Renowned for exciting and innovative productions, Heartbreak Productions has become one of the most prestigious and high quality professional, touring theatre companies in the country.

Open air theatre at its best.

Contact: 01926 430 307
www.heartbreakproductions.co.uk



Rotary Charity Raft Race

Sat 11th June
Jephson Gardens, Leamington along River Leam into Myton Fields, Warwick.
Race starts from 12.30pm with first rafts off at about 1pm.

An annual Charity raft race for all-comers. Race over 3 miles from Jephson Gardens, Leamington to Myton Fields, Warwick. Join in the fun and enjoy the spectacle of this established family event. Design your own raft. Two classes of rafts - Fun and Professional. Win the Charity Fund-Raising Shield and other prizes.

Contact: Mike - 01926 832 413
Michael.wilkinson41@tiscali.co.uk
www.sparotary.org.uk



The Great Poppy Party Weekend

Join in for a weekend of fun to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Royal British Legion.

The funds raised will further the valuable welfare work of the British Legion and Forces Children's Trust, helping millions of soldiers, sailors and airmen/women who serve and have served their country at home and abroad.

Sat 11th June ***Walking Treasure Hunt***

The Lawns, Gleave Road
Start between 12 and 2pm

Following the 'poppy' trail around town taking a NAFFI stop at the Social Club. £5 per team. Book your team start time with Adrian on 07855 372 323.

1940's Blitz Night with live band

Whitnash Sports & Social Club
8.30pm

Advance tickets only - £7.50 / £5.00, available from Whitnash Sports & Social Club and the Town Council office in Whitnash Library.

Contact: 01926 470 394

www.whitnashtowncouncil.gov.uk

Tea in the Park

Sun 12th June
Jephson Gardens
3pm – 5pm

Enjoy our summer band and tea in the park, with donations going to the Royal British Legion.

Organised by Warwick District Council and the Royal British Legion.



Kenilworth Lions Grand Show

Sat 11th June
Abbey Fields

This popular family day brings a village fête atmosphere to the heart of the town. This year's Show features performances from the Knights of Middle England, as well as a host of stalls, rides and entertainments, entry remains free.

www.kenilworthlionsclub.co.uk



Two Castles Run

Sun 12th June
Warwick Castle to Kenilworth Castle
9am start

The Two Castles Run is a firmly established part of the athletics calendar, attracting 4,000 competitors this year for the 10km course. Organised by the Rotary Club of Kenilworth.

www.twocastlesrun.org.uk

Leamington Peace Festival

Sat 18th & Sun 19th June
Pump Room Gardens

Now in its thirty third year, the Peace Festival is an established annual event in the Leamington calendar, offering a whole weekend of free music, delicious food and drink and activities suitable for all the family.

Two entertainment stages offer a wide selection of music from around the world, free workshops, children's activities, and a fantastic selection of over 130 stalls trading in ethical and fair trade goods and campaigning on peace and environmental issues.

www.peacefestival.org.uk



Warwick Town Carnival

Sat 25th June
Warwick Town Centre & St Nicholas Park
12noon - 5pm

A colourful parade will wind through the town centre and down to St Nicholas Park where there will be a range of family attractions and entertainment.

www.warwickcarnival.co.uk



Guide Dogs Fun Day

Sat 25th June
Pump Room Gardens
11am - 5.30pm

Join in the Guide Dog Experience and meet hundreds of Guide Dogs. Learn more about how these amazing dogs help blind and partially sighted people gain independence and mobility. Let the kids loose in the Kids Zone and enjoy displays and stalls. Bring your dog and raise money for Guide Dogs by joining the Go Walkies Parade.

Including the Shiatsu Roadshow, raising monies for the Air Ambulance Service.

A fun, free family day out for everyone.

www.guidedogs.org.uk

www.shiatsuatwork.co.uk



Kenilworth Carnival

Sat 2nd July
Abbey Fields
12noon – 6pm

The 79th Kenilworth Carnival will see Miss Kenilworth Carnival Queen lead a grand procession through town towards Abbey Fields. Setting off from Kenilworth Castle at 1.00pm and finishing in Abbey Fields where there will be a host of stalls and entertainments.
Contact: 01926 852 595

Barkers Fun Fair

Fri 8th – Sun 17th July
Pump Room Gardens

Family-friendly fun, with an assortment of rides for all ages, prize stalls and traditional sweets and refreshments.

Grand Medieval Joust

9th & 10th July
Kenilworth Castle

A magnificent medieval joust where fighting knights do battle in a live action show. Revel in the drama of clashing knights on horseback and cheer on your favourite. Be entertained by the court jester for plenty of laughs too. Let the battle commence!

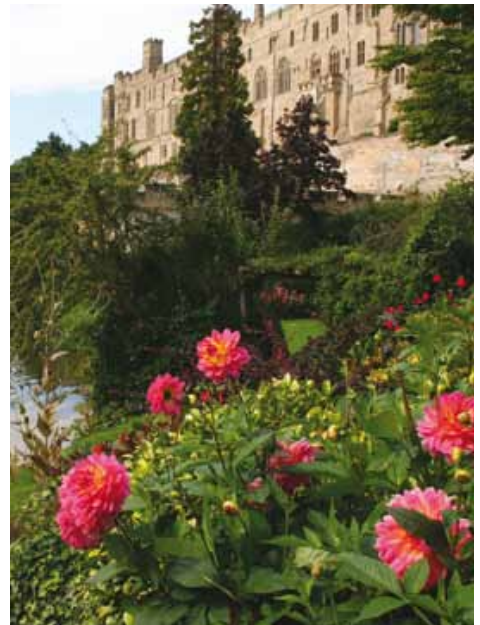
Contact: 01926 852 078
www.english-heritage.org.uk

Warwick Gardens Weekend

Sat 9th & Sun 10th July

Visit a range of high quality gardens within walking distance of the town centre. The gardens vary immensely in size and style but are united by care and enthusiasm.

Contact: 01926 492 212
www.visitwarwick.co.uk



Warwick Lions' Beer Festival

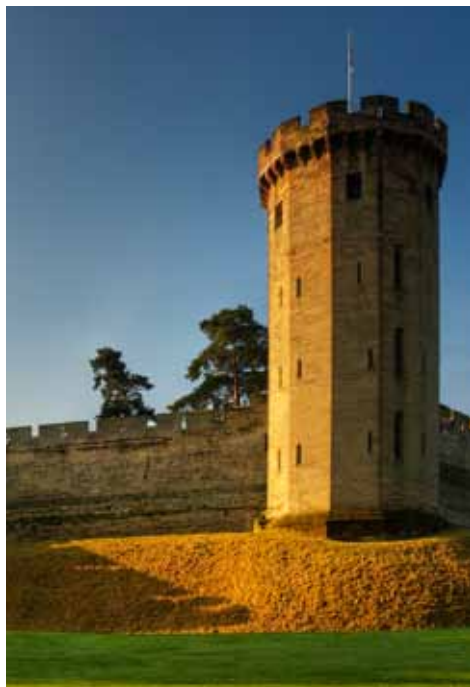
Fri 15th July, 6pm - 10pm
Sat 16th July, 12noon - 10pm
Warwick Racecourse

Warwick Lions will be hosting their third Beer Festival bringing a fantastic range of local beers and ciders to Warwick.
Contact: 01926 842 576
www.lionsbeerfestival.co.uk

Warwick Castle Concerts

15th July - Ollly Murs & Alexandra Burke
16th July - The Great British Proms
17th July - Soul Sunday

With three different nights of music for all the family to experience, a concert at Warwick Castle is the perfect way to spend a summer's evening.
Contact: 0845 296 0000
www.warwick-castle.com



Warwick Thai Festival

Sun 17th July
Warwick Market Place
10am – 5pm

This is historic Warwick's sixth Thai Festival, bringing the Market Place alive with the very best of Thai food, music and dance.

An unusual but surprisingly successful fusion of cultures, organised by the Rotary Club of Warwick.

Contact: 01926 492 212
www.visitwarwick.co.uk

Warwick Folk Festival

28th – 31st July
Warwick School & Town Centre

Join the thousands who flock to Warwick every July to enjoy a weekend of the best in folk music and dance from the British Isles and beyond. This highly regarded festival fills the streets, pubs and restaurants with musicians, dancers and street entertainers. There will be a weekend of spectacular concerts on the festival site with a full supporting line up of ceilidhs, workshops, children's entertainment, folk art, food stalls and a craft fair. Warwick Folk Festival is a truly family-friendly event and great value for money too!

www.warwickfolkfestival.co.uk



Bowls England Women's Nationals Championship

30th July – 14th August
Victoria Park Bowling Greens
9am - 6pm (approx daily timings)

Come along and watch England's top women bowlers compete in this annual outdoor flat green bowls tournament. The event draws together qualifiers from 35 counties across England – with more than 1,000 competitors taking to the famous greens during the fortnight. Entry to the Championships is free and refreshments are available on site. Contact: 01926 430 686
www.bowlsengland.com



Leamington & Warwick Mela Cultural Festival

Sun 21st August
Pump Room Gardens
12noon – 6pm

Now in its 18th year, this is an established annual event celebrating Indian culture, through the age-old traditions of music, dance and Bhangra. A great opportunity for everyone to participate in the rich and diverse cultural heritage of the area. Contact: Jim Malle - 07973 254 366



Retro & Classic Car Show

Sun 14th August
Warwick Market Place
10am - 4pm

Warwick's picturesque Market Place will be filled with a fascinating variety of retro, classic and vintage cars.

With an excellent range of pubs, restaurants and shops in and around the Market Place, there's no better place to spend some quality time with car-loving friends and family.

Contact Matt Phillips - 07891 456 538



Siege!

Sun 28th & Mon 29th August
Kenilworth Castle

Experience the atmosphere and drama of Kenilworth Castle under Norman attack. Witness the opposing forces prepare for battle, with encampments outside and inside the castle, armour displays and an awe inspiring trebuchet in action.

Contact: 01926 852 078
www.english-heritage.org.uk



Warwick Horticultural Society Annual Show

Sun 28th & Mon 29th August
St Nicholas Park

An enormous range of plants and vegetables will be on display and with over 100 classes to enter, the competition will be a fascinating spectacle too.

www.warwickhorticulturalsociety.org.uk



Heritage Open Days

8th – 11th Sept
Various venues and timings

Heritage Open Days celebrate England's fantastic architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission. Every year on four days in September, buildings of every age, style and function throw open their doors, ranging from castles to factories, town halls to tithe barns, parish churches to Buddhist temples. It is a once-a-year chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring to life local history and culture.

2nd & 3rd Sept
Visit the exhibition at the Royal Priors Shopping Centre, Leamington Spa for a preview of this year's venues.
www.heritageopendays.org.uk



Leamington Food & Drink Festival

Sat 10th & Sun 11th September
Pump Room Gardens and town centre
10am – 6pm

Whether you're a serious foodie or someone who just appreciates good food and drink, there will be plenty to entertain you. Live music and entertainment, competitions, quizzes, food and wine sampling, European, Oriental and Organic dishes and much much more...
www.leamingtonfoodfestival.co.uk



Leamington 100 Car & Bike Show

Sun 25th Sept
Victoria Park

A fantastic display of modern and classic cars and bikes. Share your passion and exchange ideas with like-minded enthusiasts. Bring the family for a fun free day out at this fund-raising event for the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance. Entertainment provided by local performers and prizes awarded to winning entrants.
Contact: Stuart - 07527 840 930
theleamington100@googlemail.com

What's On Listing – At a Glance

- 11th June** Rotary Charity Raft Race
- 11th June** Kenilworth Lions Grand Show
- 11th & 12th June** The Great Poppy Party Weekend
- 12th June** Two Castles Run
- 15th & 16th June** Heartbreak Productions open air theatre 'Pinocchio'
- 17th June** Warwick Farmers' Market
- 18th & 19th June** Leamington Peace Festival
- 22nd & 23rd June** Heartbreak Productions open air theatre 'Pride and Prejudice'
- 25th June** Leamington Farmers' Market
- 25th June** Guide Dogs Fun Day
- 25th June** Warwick Town Carnival
- 2nd July** Kenilworth Carnival
- 8th – 17th July** Barkers Fun Fair
- 9th & 10th July** Warwick Gardens Weekend
- 9th & 10th July** Grand Medieval Joust
- 15th July** Warwick Farmers' Market
- 15th & 16th July** Warwick Lions Beer Festival
- 15th, 16th & 17th July** Warwick Castle Concerts
- 17th July** Warwick Thai Festival
- 23rd July** Leamington Farmers' Market
- 28th – 31st July** Warwick Folk Festival
- 30th July** Warwick Farmers' Market Extra
- 30th July – 14th August** Bowls England Women's National Championship
- 14th Aug** Retro & Classic Car Show
- 19th Aug** Warwick Farmers' Market
- 21st Aug** Leamington & Warwick Mela Cultural Festival
- 27th Aug** Leamington Farmers' Market
- 28th & 29th Aug** Siege!
- 28th & 29th Aug** Warwick Horticultural Society Annual Show
- 8th - 11th Sept** Heritage Open Days
- 10th & 11th Sept** Leamington Food & Drink Festival
- 16th Sept** Warwick Farmers' Market
- 18th Sept** Leamington 100 Car & Bike Show
- 24th Sept** Leamington Farmers' Market

Warwick Words Festival of Literature and Spoken Word

1 – 9 October 2011



Warwick Words celebrates ten years of literature and spoken word and is taking place in various venues around the historic town. This year promises to be a lively and entertaining nine days with something for everyone.

There will be lots of outstanding performances, stimulating talks and interactive workshops to choose from including: Afternoon teas, Children's events, Literary Lunch, Warwick Slam, Poetry Café and much more!

Special guests this year include: Carol Ann Duffy, Melvyn Bragg, Martin Bell, Josceline Dimbleby, Alastair Hignell, Judith Miller, Marcus Berkmann, and many more.

To receive a copy of the Festival Brochure please contact:

info@warwickwords.co.uk

Tel: 07944 768 607

www.warwickwords.co.uk



Hill Close Gardens

These gardens are a very rare example of Victorian detached leisure gardens which were originally located on the outskirts of many towns. Local people worked tirelessly to save Hill Close Gardens from destruction and redevelopment. The massive clearance and restoration effort that followed has created a site of national importance. Today the Gardens are beautifully restored and have become a significant historic and educational amenity for the local population. Contact: 01926 492 212

www.hillclosegardens.com



Summer Events

AT KENILWORTH CASTLE

A Grand Medieval Joust

Sat 9 & Sun 10 Jul

Time Travellers Go...Events

Sat 23 & Sun 24 Jul, and every weekday 1 – 26 Aug

Siege

Sun 28 & Mon 29 Aug

All events take place 11am – 5pm

Kenilworth Castle, Warwickshire CV8 1NE

For more information call 01926 852078 or visit
www.english-heritage.org.uk/kenilworth



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Days out worth talking about.



Warwick Races

Racing has been part of Warwick life since 1707 and the famous course will host another full programme of flat racing over the summer. Enjoy a day out with a difference with friends, family or business colleagues at Warwick Racecourse.

Monday 13th June, Warwick Evening, 6.40pm

Thursday 16th June, Ladies Day, 2.20pm

Thursday 23rd June, Eternal Stakes, 2.20pm

Friday 1st July, Summer Season, 2.10pm

Thursday 7th July, Summer Season, 2.20pm

Tuesday 23rd August, Summer Evening, 5pm

Monday 29th August, Bank Holiday Family Fun Day, 2.10pm

Thursday 29th September, Midweek Flat, 2.10pm

**Visit www.warwickracecourse.co.uk
or call 0844 579 3013 for further information.**

www.visitwarwick.co.uk
www.kenilworthweb.co.uk
www.royal-lemington-spa.co.uk

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