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From the top



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

Arguing the case for fairer funding

It was a very proud moment for me when I became Leader of Coventry City Council earlier this year and in this role I'm delighted to be able to introduce you to this latest issue of Citivision, which is full of news and views about everything that's going on in our great city.

We've got major challenges ahead as a Council and a city. Government spending cuts over the past few years have hit us hard. The grant we get from the government to deliver vital frontline services has reduced by nearly half since 2010 and by 2020 we'll have £119million a year less from the government than we had just six years ago.

We think it's going to be important to argue our case for fairer funding from government in the future and we're also determined to make the most of our diminishing budget to spend it on the services that matter to you and the initiatives that will bring growth and prosperity to Coventry.

But, as well as the challenges we face, we've got plenty of successes to celebrate, and you can find out more about the great things going on here in Citivision.

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This month marks the point at which I step down as Chair of the Partnership for Coventry. It has been a real privilege getting to know so many people from across the city. Having lived here for over 18 years I was surprised about how little I knew! What has struck me most over the past two years is just how ambitious the people of Coventry are (of all ages) for their

city. The compassion of the city is seen not just through the work of our faith communities but also the open welcome and support we have offered to refugees. I wish the city and the Partnership every success for the future and, like so many people, I look forward to Coventry being successful in its bid to be City of Culture in 2021. Thank you for your support.



* Ken Sloan, chair of the Coventry Partnership.



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Staying in the fast lane

The Leader of Coventry City Council has urged local people to have their say on proposals that could see fewer fast trains to London.

The Department of Transport has launched a consultation ahead of a new contest for the West Coast Main Line InterCity franchise, currently run by Virgin Trains.

The proposals include focusing on long distance train services from London to Birmingham and the north – which could mean fewer trains stopping at Coventry, one of the fastest growing stations in the country.

'One of Coventry's great strengths is its connections — and having three fast trains an hour to London and Birmingham makes us very attractive to businesses.'

The number of passengers using Coventry Railway station has tripled over the past decade.

Leader, Cllr George Duggins said: "One of Coventry's great strengths is its connections – and having three fast trains an hour to London and Birmingham makes us very attractive to businesses.

"Our railway station has a vital role to play in our work to attract new investment and create new jobs and there's simply no rational reason for thinking it's acceptable to have fewer trains stopping here – it could have a real impact on our local economy.

"The government has said it wants to consider our views carefully and the Council will be making a very robust and detailed response to the consultation.

"But it's really important that residents have their say, too, so I hope they'll share their views with government."

The consultation lasts until August 2 and can be found here: www.gov.uk/government/ consultations/future-of-intercity-west-coast-rail-franchise

Save time and do it online

Council customers can now do more tasks online rather than over the phone.



New services have been added to the Council's website, including booking pest control appointments and tip bookings for large vehicles. Cllr John Mutton, Coventry City Council's Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources, said:

"We are making more of our services available online in response to the needs of our residents. More and more people are finding it quicker and easier to go online to complete tasks at a time that suits them."

Simply sign up to MyAccount on the website to track your tasks and progress in one place. You can also pay your Council Tax, change your details, view planning applications and even apply to adopt or foster through www.coventry.gov.uk

Royal award for radio station

A radio station, based in Coventry, is among seven local organisations that have received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. It's the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK and is equivalent to an MBE.

Groups honoured in the city included:

- Radio Plus 101.5FM
 - a community radio station
- Coventry City Centre Poppy Appeal Group - community fundraisers
- The Positive Images Festival
 a volunteer led annual festival
 celebrating diversity in the city
- The Sikh Union Coventry manages community projects that support vulnerable children and adults through team sports
- Carriers of Hope, Coventry

 the group helps newly housed refugees
- Coffee Tots provide vulnerable families with essential support and friendship
- Masjid-E-Zeenat-Ul-Islam,
 Coventry Enthusiastic
 volunteers who serve people of all gender, race and religion

Winners were invited to a garden party at Buckingham Palace where they met the Queen and other winners of this year's award.

If you want to vote for the 2017 Queen's Awards make sure you vote online via www.gov.uk/queens-award-for-voluntary-service/overview

Help for city carers



 (Left to right): Penny Collard, Chief Executive of Carers Trust Heart of England, Cllr Faye Abbott and Suzanne Lawlor, Coventry City Council.

The new councillor in charge of adult social care is urging people to help her develop services for carers in the city.

Cllr Faye Abbott, Cabinet Member for Adult Services, wants people to have their say on the support available for carers.

'Caring can be very rewarding but it can also have a major impact on many aspects of a carer's life'

There are over 32,000 people in Coventry caring for a friend or family member who due to illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction cannot cope without their support.

A new draft multi-agency carers' strategy has been developed based on what carers tell us they need both nationally and locally.

Cllr Abbott said: "Caring can be very rewarding but it can also have a major impact on many aspects of a carer's life. So it's really important that we hear from carers and those they care for if possible so we and our partners can try and provide the best support."

If you look after someone who lives in Coventry you can get FREE information, advice and support from the new Carers' Centre in Coventry Central Library.

You can read the draft strategy (weblink below) and make comments by July 31. Also, find out more about support vailable for carers at www.coventry.gov.uk/carersstrategy

Know your British Citizenship rights

Many children born in the UK and living in Coventry do not have British Citizenship but are entitled to it according to a city law centre.

Coventry Law Centre has been given funding to help these children and to support their parents and carers to make an application for citizenship for them.

Applications can be made for children who were born here, but who only have a birth certificate or temporary leave to remain papers and who are over 10 years old.

Parents who are not sure of their child's immigration status can check it anonymously on www.pathtopapers.com

You can email Inger, who is a qualified immigration adviser, on citizenship@covlaw.org.uk or you can make contact via the Law Centre (next to the Job Centre on the corner of St Patrick's Road).

Culture bid's really buzzing

Coventry's bid to become the UK City of Culture in 2021 has been given a "massive boost" with the announcement that the Ricoh Arena is to be the official Bid Sponsor.

Wasps and the Ricoh Arena have agreed a significant financial investment to back the city's bid right through until the end of 2017 when the successful host city will be announced.

If the city is to be successful in winning the bid, it could bring an economic uplift of between £80 - £150 million.

(Left to right)David Armstrong, Wasps Chief Executive, David Burbidge, Chairman of Coventry City of Culture Trust, and Andy Gibb Managing Director of Arena Coventry Limited.



See centre spread pages 12-13.

Coaching young adults to a successful career

A new scheme to get the city's young people into employment, education and training has been launched. Ambition is a programme run by the Council's Employment Team and 20 partners to get Coventry people aged between 16 and 29 and not in education, employment or training into:

- further education
- employment opportunities
- paid placements
- employability training
- sector-based training
- vocational qualifications

Cllr Jim O'Boyle, Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration, said: "The Ambition project is a great scheme to help the city's young people who need it most into the opportunities that are right for them.

"I'm looking forward to seeing how our partnerships lead young people into some exciting successes. We've got a really enthusiastic team of Ambition Coaches who will encourage and inspire our young people to reach their full potential."

The project is aiming to work with over 2,400 young people to help them achieve their ambitions.

To find out more about the Ambition project, visit www.coventry.gov.uk/ambition

(Left to right): Steven Hall, Pooja Ahluwalia, Amber Allen, Joanna Hartley, Bradley Jones and (front) Matthew Lewis.



Jobs growth key for city

The Leader of Coventry City Council has backed a campaign to help businesses grow across the region.

Cllr George Duggins met representatives of the Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce for the first time since becoming Leader of the Council.

He told them he was behind the Chamber's Go for Growth campaign which is encouraging companies to explore opportunities to expand, but also to highlight any obstacles to their growth.

Cllr Duggins said: "It was good to meet business people in the city and to hear from them personally about how they are coping in the

current economic climate.

"I think we are all singing from the same hymn sheet when it comes to growth. We want our businesses – small, medium and large – to grow and create jobs for people in the city."

David Penn, Chair of the Coventry branch of the Chamber, said: "A positive relationship between business and the City Council is very important and it was great to get off on the right foot.

"We have to work with the City Council to try to address the shortage of employment land because that is another barrier to growth for companies in the region."



(Left to right): Peter Burns (past Chamber President), Louise Bennett (Chamber Chief Executive), Cllr George Duggins, Paul Carvell (Chamber President) and David Penn (Chamber Coventry Branch Chair).

Grant fund for young people



(Left to right): Matt Docker (Valley House), Lucia Leon (Kairos WWT), Ray Reid (Watch), Tina Costello (Heart of England Community Foundation), Noreen Bukhari (Foleshill Women's Training) and Andy Duncan (Radio Plus).

A new fund is giving voluntary and community groups in Coventry the chance to bid for grants of up to £75,000.

The Heart of England
Community Foundation has
launched the Jumping Through
Hoops fund, which supports
young people's groups in the city.

A total of £1.9 million is available for community groups and organisations that work with challenged and disadvantaged 18 to 30-year-olds in Coventry.

Grants of between £1,000 and £75,000 are on offer for

projects that work with those affected by homelessness or are at risk of being homeless, the transition to independent living, financial instability, unemployment, lack of skills, qualifications and opportunities, mental ill health, unhealthy lifestyles and crime and anti-social behaviour.

The projects must have an impact on the lives of young people by giving them new skills, better prospects, a healthier lifestyle or improved confidence and wellbeing.

Large grants of up to £25,000 per year for three years can

be applied for by registered charities, community interest companies and not for profit companies.

Small grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 are available for one-year projects.

All grant applications can be submitted online at http://www.heartofenglandcf. co.uk/ where full entry criteria can also be found.

The deadline for large grant applications closes on August I, 2016. Small grants are available as a rolling programme and organisations may apply any time.

Home is where the heart is

Home owners in need of support can now sign up to a new scheme.

Home Share supports older people who want to remain independent and to stay in their own home.

The scheme provides affordable accommodation in return for a little time, help and companionship. The householder provides a bedroom in their house for the home sharer and in

return the home sharer spends at least 10 hours of their time each week supporting the householder.

Entrust Care Partnership provide support with matching, negotiating a Home Share Agreement and ongoing review and support.

For more details about Home Share telephone Lynne, Entrust Care Partnership, on 07712 326273.

Winter fuel payment

Older residents could qualify for between £100 and £300 tax-free to help pay heating bills if they were born on or before 5 May 1953.

The winter fuel payments are made automatically between November and December so applicants should get their money

by Christmas.

People usually get a
Winter Fuel Payment
automatically if they get the
State Pension or another
social security benefit (not
Housing Benefit, Council Tax
Reduction, Child Benefit or
Universal Credit). For details
visit www.gov.uk

Mum's the word for nearly new sale

A local mum is planning a series of indoor markets that allows mums and mums-to-be to buy and sell nearly new baby clothes.

The Mum2mums market was featured on Dragons Den in 2011.

The multi award winning nearly new sale, enables parents to make money selling on their outgrown baby clothes and equipment to other families. All goods for sale must be in excellent condition and sellers keep 100% of their proceeds on the day.

The next Coventry Mum2mum market is at The Walsgave Club on Woodway Lane on Saturday 16 July from 2pm to 4pm. Admission is £2 on the door, children enter for free, and there is free admission for the last half hour of the sale.

Further information at www.mum2mummarket.co.uk

Welfare website with extra benefits

People who are claiming benefits and are struggling to understand government changes to welfare reform can now access a new local website.

Coventry Law Centre has launched a website called 'Benefits Aware' which is aimed at helping local people, whose benefits will be affected or are about to be affected by welfare reforms.

The new website will provide answers to common questions and help people navigate their way around the changes.

Benefits Aware will also answer the most popular questions asked by local people, such as 'What to do if your benefit is stopped,' and 'How Universal Credit may affect you.'

Alan Markey, who chairs a multi-agency welfare reform working group, said he hoped the website would prove to be beneficial.

He said: "We are delighted to support the launch of this website and are sure it will prove to be a valuable resource for Coventry residents and for other agencies within the city."

Visit www.benefitsaware. centralenglandlc.org.uk/

Cutting the cost of your bills

Citizens Advice Coventry is working to help people reduce their water bills.

People facing financial difficulty can save an average of £300 per year. One person who has benefited is a full time market stall trader in the indoor market; who, like many other working people in Coventry, was still in an 'eating or heating situation'.

She is now on a Big Difference Scheme tariff, and is able to use the water she needs and pay a more affordable monthly amount.

For help in reducing your water, gas or electric bills, visit www.coventrycab.org.uk/utilities or pop along to one of our drop-in clinics 9.30am -2pm every Wednesday in the summer holidays at Sun Alliance House, Little Park St, Coventry, CVI 2JZ (in town next to the Royal Bank of Scotland).



Apprentices with Cllr John Mutton (left to right) Joyce Njeri, Frank Njofang, Ellen Davison and Joe Bassett.

Top award for apprentices

The Council has recently won an Apprenticeship Award for being the 'Top Employer' within the Public Sector.

Finishing above previous top employers such as Jaguar Land Rover, Royal Mail, Barclays and Boots, the scheme was also ranked 6th in the Top Intermediate Apprenticeships and 16th in the Top Advanced Apprenticeship Employers; providing placements in sectors such as IT,

Community Development and Employment Services.

Cllr John Mutton, Cabinet member for Strategic Finance and Resources, said: "We are absolutely committed to helping young people access job opportunities and training."

If you are thinking of applying to be a Coventry City Council apprentice, have a look at the website www.coventry.gov.uk/ apprenticeships

Advice for jobseekers

A new advice centre to provide help and support for people wanting to find information about jobs, training or education has been launched in Coventry, thanks to government funding.

The City College
Coventry Advice Centre in
Swanswell Street has received
£80,000 funding from the
Coventry and Warwickshire Local
Enterprise Partnership (CWLEP)
as part of the Growth Deal
project.

The free service is available to everyone, including City College Coventry students and residents in nearby Hillfields and surrounding areas.

Staff will give advice on writing CVs, completing job application forms and interview preparation. The centre will also provide a link between job-seekers and advertised vacancies.

Jonathan Browning, Chairman of the CWLEP, said improving the skills of people of all ages was From the left, Gary Collins (Coventry City Council), Alina Bluma-Geka (student), Jo Lawrence (City College Coventry), David Cotton (student) and Lucy McGovern (Coventry City Council).

vital to the long-term economic prosperity of the area.

Jo Lawrence, Assistant Principal of City College Coventry, said: "The college is a resource for the whole community."

She said it would help people develop basic skills and maximise existing talent.

Building a future for young learners

An education and training facility is helping young people from Coventry and Warwickshire with vocational training in all aspects of the construction industry.

Coventry Building Workshop marks its 10 year anniversary this year.

Craig Foster, Director of the Coventry Building Workshop, said that many of the young people who take a course at the workshop struggle within schools or colleges. At the venue learners can get their Construction Skills Certification Scheme card which enables them to work on building sites.

The Bayton Road Industrial Estate workshop also provides courses for adults who wish to learn new skills.

Craig explained: "We have trained members of the public to retrain or advance their skills in plastering, bricklaying, carpentry, kitchen fitting, plumbing, tiling, electrics, health and safety training and welding. We have also worked with, and offered training to, large companies such as Peugeot and Jaguar Landrover."

Cllr Kevin Maton, Cabinet
Member for Education and
Skills, said: "The importance of
alternative educational facilities can
never be underestimated. There is
no 'one size fits all' in education,
many young people can thrive in a
more hands-on environment."

For details visit www. coventrybuildingworkshop.co.uk/



 Cllr Kevin Maton next to Sara Tasker, Coventry Building Workshop Manager and Director Craig Foster with two of the young learners.



4,000 new jobs boost for city



Left Joel Draper, Lauren Lynn (trainer) Joyce Njeri and Cllr O'Boyle.

Coventry City Council's Employment Team is working in partnership with Sitel to help ensure that local, unemployed people have the best chance of getting a job as the company moves to its new site and looks to create up to 4,000 new jobs.

Sitel will be taking on 350 new people by the end of 2016 – and the Employer Hub and Job Shop are helping with the recruitment process.

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

"This is really great news for the city. We are keen to keep creating opportunities like this for local people because there are hundreds of people in our city who have the potential to be really successful in the workplace but who might not currently have the experience or skills to be employed.

"The important thing here is the partnership between Sitel and the Job Shop. Not only are they prepared to trust us to help them find the right people – they are also keen to give opportunities to people between the ages of 16 and 29 who aren't in work.

"Often, all unemployed young people need is a helping hand – a dollop of confidence to believe that they can get a job and an employer prepared to give them a chance. By working closely with Sitel we will try to match people to the job that's right for them."

Arin Sotoudeh, Sitel's Senior Resourcing Officer, said: "Since opening our doors in October 2014, The Job Shop has been closely working with us in supporting our growth and expansion in the city centre."

The first step for anyone who might be interested is to contact the Job Shop in Bull Yard. It's open every weekday (Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 9.15 am — 4.30pm, Thurs: 10.30 am — 4.30pm).

Have your say on new mayor

Coventry people are being invited to have their say on the possible roles, responsibilities and powers of a new mayor for the West Midlands.

The region will have its first elected mayor in May 2017 who will work with council leaders across the West Midlands on issues like transport, highways and infrastructure projects. An elected Mayor for the area was a condition of the historic devolution agreement agreed earlier this year between the government and councils across the West Midlands which will see £36.5million a year of new investment over the next 30 years devolved from Whitehall

to the West Midlands.

Now the West Midlands Combined Authority wants to know what businesses, community groups, partners and residents think the responsibilities of a new mayor should include.

The Mayor will work closely with the newly formed combined authority board, made up of seven leaders from councils including Coventry and local enterprise partnerships across the region.

The consultation runs until August 21, and people can have their say by visiting www.westmidlandscombined authority.org.uk

All together to mark pride in city

Hundreds of people attended the Coventry Pride event which sees cities across the globe celebrating the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) community.

It was the second year in a row that the event has been held at FarGo village. A minute's silence was also held for those killed in the Orlando attacks.

Visitors including two Disney princesses (pictured right) were able to take a break from the entertainment on a giant deckchair. The oversized sun lounger was being used to promote fostering in Coventry.



Sun Screen Films

A summer of films is being screened at the University of Warwick.

The Big Friendly Giant kicks off the screenings on Friday July 22, running through to Thursday August 4.

Everyone's favourite blue tang fish, is back with an adventure she'll most likely forget about, when joined by Nemo, Marlin and the sea turtles on a quest to find her

parents in Finding Dory.

Swallows and Amazons sails into our cinemas in August – which promises to take people on an adventure of camping, sailing and piracy, set in the idyllic Lake District. Another seaside story, this time from Japan, is When Marnie Was There - a beautifully animated, melancholic drama about Anna who encounters a mysterious stranger.

For details visit www. warwickartscentre.co.uk

£7million drive for better car journeys

Coventry University is joining forces with partners and industry on a new project to create one of the world's most advanced environments for improving car journeys, reducing traffic congestion and providing invehicle entertainment and safety services.

Researchers from the University's Centre for Mobility and Transport will be working on the newly launched UK Connected Intelligent Transport Environment (UK CITE) project.

The £7.1 million UK CITE project will trial connected vehicle technology, infrastructure and services in real-life conditions on 40 miles of roads within Coventry and Warwickshire. Trials on roads could start as early as next year.

The Centre for Mobility and Transport develops simulation models to investigate the impact of the wider take-up of this technology over time on drivers, the infrastructure capacity of such technology, safety implications and cyber-security issues.

Parks staff helping tackle child abuse



Parks staff have been taking part in training to help combat child sexual exploitation (CSE).

With the lighter nights, more parks staff can support the police by knowing the warning signs to look out for and what to do if they are concerned about a child.

Parks staff in Coventry have been taking part in CSE awareness training sessions as part of a citywide drive.

CSE can affect any child, anytime, regardless of their social or ethnic background. It is child abuse and involves perpetrators grooming their victims in various ways, such as in person, via

mobiles or online, to gain their trust before emotionally and sexually abusing them.

Cllr Ed Ruane, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, said: "We are training staff and raising awareness of the issue so that more people can play a part in stopping child sexual exploitation.

"We introduced a public space protection order at Edgwick Park and want to ensure that we uncover the culprits whenever they try to commit abuse.

"Everyone has their part to play in protecting our children and young people from this horrific abuse."

Pledge call

An online pledge has been set up on the Council's website for anyone who wishes to help tackle child sexual exploitation at www.coventry.gov.uk/ csepledge

By signing the pledge participants are encouraged to report a concern about child sexual exploitation (CSE) to the police on 101 or 999 in an emergency or the Coventry Social Care Team on 024 7678 8555 or out of hours on 024 7683 2222.

Children and young people can call or text a 24 hour confidential national helpline NWG number 116 000. Information is also available at www.seeme-hearme.org.uk.

Warning signs of CSE include having friends who are older, persistently going missing, secretive relationships with unknown adults, truancy from school, chronic fatigue, constant calls on a mobile phone and the possession of money or new things.

Call on kids to talk PANTS

Children at half of schools in Coventry have been learning to protect themselves from sexual abuse thanks to a pioneering NSPCC campaign.

The Underwear Rule campaign teaches children to talks PANTS – an acronym which stands for:

- Privates are private
- Always remember your body

belongs to you

- No means no
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up someone can help In Coventry, 52% of schools have received advice from the NSPCC on the dangers of sexual abuse and how to report it.

For details search for the hashtag #TalkPants on twitter.

Students call for change



Hereward students outside the Houses of Parliament.

Nineteen local students have been taking part in a demonstration outside the Houses of Parliament against educational inequality.

Young people from Hereward College in Tile Hill joined other students from specialist colleges across the country as part of the 'Right not a Fight' campaign.

Right not a Fight gives young people with disabilities a platform to voice their concerns about lack of information, guidance and advice over education, training and employment options.

Joey Mander, aged 17, from

Hereward, said: "We want a level playing field so that learners with additional needs have the same life chances in terms of our education as non-disabled young people.

"We want choice and we know that comes at a cost, trying to get funding to attend the college of our choice is a constant reminder of that."

Sheila Fleming, Principal at Hereward College, said that young people with additional needs faced a whole range of challenges to get the education and equality they deserved.



City museums give it some welly

Coventry museums have announced a series of summer activities, including a tractor parade where visitors will be encouraged to don their favourite wellies.

From Thursday July 21 to Wednesday August 31, people can explore brand new family friendly exhibitions at the Herbert Art Gallery and Museum, Coventry Transport Museum and activities at Lunt Roman Fort.

Coventry Transport Museum

Coventry Transport Museum events include a Made in Coventry lab, where visitors can explore what it takes to create a strong working vehicle to compete in a test and play area, taking inspiration from the latest exhibition Tractors: from Factory to Field and the museum's collections. All workshops are drop in and cost £3 per child, under 2s free.

An 'I Spy' activity trail can be purchased for £1.50 at the reception area.

'The activities are not just lots of fun, but also educational, giving the children taking part a chance to learn while they play.'

The museum is also inviting people to don their wellington boots on a special 'Wear your Wellies Day' at the museum on Saturday July 30 to celebrate the 70 tractors for 70 years parade and spectacular display of tractors through the ages in the city. Visitors wearing their wellies can receive 10% off tractor related merchandise in the museum's gift shop.

Herbert Art Gallery and Museum

Meanwhile at the Herbert Art Gallery and Museum, two brand new exhibitions also open in time for the summer holidays. Brick Wonders opens on July 22 with over 70 awe-inspiring models, including the Great Wall of China and Niagara Falls snapped together using LEGO® blocks.

On Wednesday July 27 from 10am – 3.30pm visitors can celebrate the launch of the exhibition in a special family day. Each week from Saturday July 30 to Wednesday August 31 families can enjoy a brand new exhibition Nature Notes; a multi-sensory exhibition where visitors can explore local wildlife. Various workshops are planned where people can drop in. Cost is £2 per child, under 2s free.

'Wild Wanders' will also be open from Thursday July 21 to Tuesday September 6 and is based on the nature exhibition.

Lunt Roman Fort





Lindsey Kemp, Family Learning Officer at Culture Coventry, said:

"The activities are not just lots of fun, but also educational, giving the children taking part a chance to learn while they play. With displays of historic cars, cycles and tractors, exciting LEGO® and wildlife exhibitions, medieval treasures and Roman artefacts, Coventry Museums are the perfect place to spend a family day out."

For more details visit, www.theherbert.org or www.transport-museum.com



Wild about flower power

Wildflowers are springing up all over the city, adding a dash of colour to verges and traffic islands.

New areas seeded this year include sites such as the Pickford Way roundabout and the central reservation of London Road as well as roundabouts on the A444 and sections of the A45.

Councillor Jayne Innes, Cabinet Member for City Services said: "The wildflowers are just about

to be at their most stunning and I'm delighted that we have been able to seed even more areas this year. As well as the obvious feel-good factor they have offered to local residents and commuters, they are supporting a wide range of wildlife including bees, butterflies and birds - so they have real ecological benefits too.

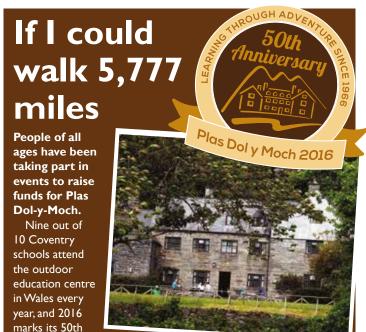
"Each of the planting schemes includes a diverse variety of wildflowers which combine native and exotic species to produce meadows with a much longer flowering season than native meadows.

"This means the plants will

provide different colours and heights over the growing season - flowering right through to autumn."







anniversary. Attendances at the venue continue to grow which has led to a fundraising drive to sustain Dol-y-Moch's future.

Events organised have included a 24 hour charity challenge involving 700 children from 10 schools.

During the challenge participants had to run, climb, swim and abseil as part of a 24-hour charity fundraiser, completing 2,000 miles and raising almost £2,000.

Route to Rio is run by Coventry Sports Foundation and gets schools to raise funds for the centre, by taking part in various sports and activities.

The city-wide project combines the 50th Anniversary of the Wales-based outdoor centre with the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

It encourages children to track their activities with the target of clocking up 5,777 miles - the distance from Coventry to Rio.

If you want to get involved in fund raising efforts visit www.friendsofplasdolymoch.co.uk

Green fingered volunteers

Coventry Tree Wardens have been shortlisted as finalists in a competition run by Horticulture Week in the category 'Best Community Volunteer Initiative'.

The National Tree Council said that Coventry's network of volunteers has 'gone from strength to strength'. Set up three years ago the local network of tree enthusiasts has grown to 80 volunteers across the city.

City tree network volunteers, Ann Wilson said it was fantastic news. She added: "It reflects the efforts of dozens of volunteers." For details about volunteering www.ctwn.org.uk



City's bid means it's al

Coventry has always been a great place to visit for music lovers — but now there are even more reasons to spend some time in the home of 2-Tone. Coventry is setting its sights on becoming 2021 UK City of Culture, and with a new-look city centre, new attractions and tasty new bars and restaurants, there's more on offer to visitors to the city than ever before.



With Coventry bidding to be UK City of Culture 2021, one of the city's most famous musicians and founding member of 2-Tone ska band The Selecter has been explaining why she is backing the bid.

Singer Pauline Black said: "Coventry has a very rich history and is ideally suited to be UK City of Culture 2021.

"The 2-Tone movement is part of the city's heritage. Coventry has so much to offer both historically and culturally as a city dedicated to peace and reconciliation; a very similar ethos to the multicultural inclusivity of 2-Tone."

This year, the city's Ricoh Arena has already hosted Jess Glynne and the MTV Crashes event. The Boss, Bruce Springsteen, has made his second appearance and Barbadian singer and songwriter Rihanna recently completed a sell-out visit to the city.

This year there is also the Coventry Mela show that hits the Arena in August.

Elsewhere, as Citivision went to print, the ever popular Godiva Festival, the country's biggest free music festival, returned to the city's War Memorial Park with performances from The Boomtown Rats, The Charlatans, The Mystery Jets and Scouting For Girls.



Ricoh Arena to host Asian music show

Global singing superstar Rahat Fateh Ali Khan (pictured) will perform his greatest hits live at the Ricoh Arena this summer.

Bollywood favourite Rahat Fateh Ali Khan, who sells out shows across the world, will perform in his only Midlands show this year on August 12, 2016.

Rahat has followed in the footsteps of his grandfather, iconic Pakistani musician Fateh Ali Khan, and world-renowned uncle Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan, to become a pioneer in Qawwali music.

Andy Gibb, Managing Director of the Ricoh Arena, said securing Rahat Fateh Ali Khan to perform at the Ricoh Arena is a major coup.
He added: "Rahat is a massive

influence in the genre of Qawwali music and has contributed to Hollywood music soundtracks. He is at the pinnacle of his career."

Rahat was the first Pakistani chosen to sing at the Nobel Peace Prize Concert. He has over six million Facebook likes.

Tickets available for Rahat Fateh Ali Khan's all-seated concert on 12 August are priced from £20 - £75 for general admission and special limited VVIP tickets for £200 each.

The VIP tickets include the opportunity to meet Rahat, have a photo taken with him, and

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access to an exclusive preshow hospitality lounge with complimentary South Asian cuisine.

Tickets are available online at www.ricoharena.com/ entertainment/mela-coventry or at the following outlets; Shah Paan House, Foleshill Road, Coventry, Radia's Superstore, Melton Road Leicester, Guru Nanak Sweets, Leicester, Milan Sweet Centre, Birmingham.



Other venues are helping to raise the profile of the city, including The Warwick Arts Centre, which attracts some of the world's best musicians - Jools Holland and his Rhythm and Blues Orchestra and Elvis Costello are two of the big names to play there this year. The Elvis Costello performance was his only gig outside London.

Tom Clarke, frontman of the Enemy is still at the forefront of the musical scene

When he visited a former student union venue he realised the potential of the building, and the importance it could hold for Coventry.

Now he has created The Empire, a venue to rival those across the UK. Sitting within the cultural quarter of Coventry and a short walk from the city centre, it is a multi-use music and club venue which can showcase local, breaking and established bands and artists.

And if it's a look back you want, then there's the Coventry Music Museum, which is run entirely by unpaid volunteers and looks at 2-Tone, Ska and all the acts from Coventry and Warwickshire's musical past. It's based in the 2-Tone Village, along with a café, a memorabilia shop and the Coventry Music Wall of Fame.

Creative and cultural hub

Linda Bigham, Cabinet Member for Community Development, who sits on the City of Culture steering group, said that already Coventry's summer of music has exceeded all expectations and she said that there is also a great mix of arts and sport too.

She said: "Attracting people from far and wide to music events is a huge boost to the local economy. Coventry also has great museums, the Belgrade and other theatres. Wasps and Sky Blues are just two of the many sporting clubs that the city can boast.

"Also, the city centre has undergone a major facelift in recent years, making it a greener, pedestrianfriendly place and the new-look central Broadgate Square - home to a new restaurant quarter - is the perfect place to enjoy events."

She added: "Fargo Village is a growing creative and cultural hub with an attractive mix of businesses, shops, cafes and venues that gives the city something new and is proving a real attraction."

Get in on the Tin

A venue formerly used for coal storage at the Canal Basin is becoming a hotspot for music.

The Tin Music and Arts is a community arts organisation.

The Tin has two main rooms, one of which contains a stage and performance area; the other has a bar and seating. Next door in Units 1-4 there is rehearsal space, an artist studio and large community room which is used to host a variety of community activities. Music and cultural events have been run since 2001 and it has won two regional awards for 'Best Venue' in consecutive years. For events visit www.thetinmusicandarts.org.uk



Health at home for older patients

A pioneering new service which helps frail elderly people in Coventry to become more independent and safer within their own homes has been launched.

'Your Health at Home' aims to reduce hospital admissions for those aged 60+ and to support them to live well in their community. A team from a range of health organisations works directly with GPs to identify high risk patients and arrange personalised care plans to ensure they stay out of hospital and receive care in

the most appropriate setting and as close to home as possible.

Justine Richards, from Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust, said: "Evidence suggests that as well as being more comfortable, patients treated within their homes make a far more complete recovery."

If you know anyone living in Coventry who may benefit from this service, please encourage them to contact their GP. For further information visit www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk

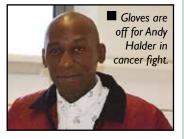
Parents get helpline hand

From the end of July Coventry Health Visitors will be providing a helpline for parents and carers of babies and pre-school children who live in the city. The helpline will be available Monday to Friday between 5pm and 8pm.

It will complement the current Baby and Well Child Clinics which run Monday to Friday, 8.30am – 5pm and Saturday 9.30am – 12noon. The evening helpline will answer health concerns about sleeping, feeding, behaviour, childhood illnesses or even postnatal depression in new mums, for a parent/carer or for a mother who has recently given hirth.

For details visit www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk/babyclinics or talk to your Health Visitor

New robot packs a punch



A former boxer has come through the biggest fight of his life by tackling prostate cancer.

Andy Halder is one of 250 patients to go under the mechanical knife of the da Vinci robot at University Hospital in Coventry.

Former WBF Intercontinental Middleweight Champion, Andy, 48, is now looking to raise awareness of prostate cancer and raise funds for on-the-spot blood tests at boxing events.

Andy said: "With the robot instead of a 10 inch slit you get tiny scars. I got out in two days."

Andy is now working with his friends in the boxing world to raise money and make sure that men get PSA tested. The PSA test is a blood test that measures the amount of prostate specific antigen in your blood.

"If you're a man over 40 you should be getting the test. It only take five minutes."

Free HIV testing in pharmacies

Nine Coventry pharmacies are offering free fingerprick HIV testing.

More than three in every 1,000 people aged 15-59 years old in Coventry has HIV, which is why Coventry public health are working with a selection of pharmacies as part of the testing scheme.

The only way people know if they have HIV is to get tested. The free fingerprick HIV testing provides indicative results in 60 seconds. People can just ask for a test at the counter.

HIV is a virus which attacks the immune system, and weakens the ability to fight infections and disease. Medication is now very effective, and enables people with HIV to live long and healthy lives, if treated early.

The pharmacies involved are:

- Boots, 585, Stoney Stanton Road, Coventry CV6 5ED
- Boots, 10 Quorn Way, Ernesford Grange, Coventry CV3 2JU
- Boots, 49 The Precinct, Coventry City Centre, CVI IDS
 Boots, Unit 7, Central Six Retail Park,
- Coventry, CV3 6TA
 Boots, 3-5 Cross Cheaping, Coventry
- City Centre, CVI 1HF
 Superdrug, 30-31 Hertford Street,
- Coventry City Centre, CV1 1LF
 Superdrug, 21-23 Market Way,
- Coventry City Centre, CVI IDL
 Vantage Chemist, 130 Far Gosford
 Street, Lower Stoke, Coventry,
 CVI 5EA
- M Hussain Chemists Ltd, IA Harnall Lane East, Coventry CVI 5AE

For a test and a full sexual health screen, visit the Integrated Sexual Health Service, 3rd Floor, City of Coventry Health Centre, Stoney Stanton Road, CVI 4FS (opposite the City College). The Service is free and completely confidential.

Book an appointment online on www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk/ sexualhealth/self-assessment/ Pages/index.html

Coventry is also taking part in a free HIV postal test service. Visit www.test.hiv. For more details visit www.besavvy.org.uk

Top award for caring team



Tissue Viability Services, which was awarded a Coventry Telegraph 'Pride of Nursing' award in June, has been receiving more praise for its outstanding care.

Coventry resident Barrie Lockley is in his late 70s. Just over a year ago he was referred by his GP into a Tissue Viability service for treatment on a leg ulcer.

Following treatment for cancer on his leg, Barrie's skin was left thin and vulnerable to ulcers. He was referred for specialist treatment by the Tissue Viability specialist nurses at Willenhall Health Centre.

Barrie said:"I came to the

Health Centre initially with real trepidation, but in fact it is the best thing I ever did. I am able to go about my daily business.

"I can't recommend the service highly enough and would say to anyone who is being referred to the Tissue Viability nurses not to worry because they will take good care of you."

If you are suffering from a pressure or leg ulcer, visit your GP who can refer you to the Tissue Viability nurses or you can contact the service directly on 024 7664 6717.

Visit the Trust website at www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk and search 'Tissue Viability'.

Sign up to hospital apprenticeships



 Marilyn Chadwick (Apprenticeship Advisor), Beckie McLean, (Heathcare Apprentice), Ellie Kettell (Healthcare Apprentice), Elyse Ross (Healthcare Apprentice) and Debbie Hewitt (Learning and Development Officer).

One of Coventry and Warwickshire's largest employers is looking to recruit the next generation of healthcare professionals through its apprenticeship scheme.

The training programme at University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire (UHCW) NHS Trust is now taking applications from those who wish to start a career as a Healthcare Support Worker

The 12 month work-based

training programme starts in September and will see apprentices learn the wide range of skills needed to care for sick patients in hospital.

At the end of their training, the apprenticeship will move into a permanent role at the Trust.

The Trust has around 20 apprenticeship positions available.

Contact Marilyn Chadwick, Apprenticeship Advisor, for more information at Marilyn. Chadwick2@uhcw.nhs.uk

Nurses take centre stage

Dozens of nurses gathered together to reflect on their vital work over the years as part of an annual international nurses' day. NHS nurses, midwives and healthcare assistants across

Coventry and Warwickshire came together to recognise their important work. Some of the clinical staff attending the event wore nurses' outfits from days gone by.





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City's athletes mark 50th Children's Games

Coventry track and field athletes and swimmers will be jetting off to the capital city of Taiwan -New Taipei for the 50th Annual International Children's Games

The 18 young athletes, aged between 12-15, will be competing against over 1,000 athletes from 60 cities around the world.

The event, which will take place from July II - 16, is a way of bringing young people together and building friendships.

Cllr John Mutton, Chair of the Coventry International Children's Games Committee, said: "I am really privileged to have been connected with the event for so many years.'

This is the 20th year that Cllr Mutton has raised the sponsorship to enable Coventry children to take part in the event.

Organisations who would be willing to help sponsor next year's games in Lithuania, please e-mail john.mutton@coventry.gov.uk



Cllr John Mutton with International Children's Games coaches and competitors.

FanZone to capture Olympic spirit

Although Rio de Janeiro is 6,000 miles away, Team GB fans are set to be taken closer to the action at this year's Olympic Games.

Coventry is confirmed as an Official Team GB FanZone which means it will show live coverage of the Games at selected times in Millennium Place between 6 – 21 August.

Team GB great, Beth Tweddle, said: "Team GB fans are so passionate and it was fantastic in 2012 to get everyone together at locations across the country."

Cllr Kamran Caan, Coventry City Council Cabinet Member for Sports, said:

"I'm sure that lots of residents will create a great atmosphere and cheer on our Olympians."

The project is a partnership between Team GB and the host venues and is funded through support from official Team GB partners Aldi, Müller and The National Lottery.

FANZONE

■ (Left to right) Melanie Lescop, Dave Long, David Boughey, EnV, Coventry Ambassadors' Dennis Brittain and Diane Hill with Cllr Kamran Caan.

Rugby league touching down in city

A new rugby programme is being introduced in Coventry.

Bears 5s is a simple touch rugby league game, ideal for people aged 14+. Coventry Bears have developed a fun small team sport using RL rules.

The project, which has received £100,000 funding from Sport England, is unique to Coventry.

Free sessions run every Monday for players aged 18 or over and every Wednesday for youth players aged 14-18 at three venues

- Xcel Leisure Centre, in Mitchell Avenue, Alan Higgs Centre, in Allard Way, and the Moat House Leisure Centre, in Winston Avenue.

Open Age (age 18+) Monday 7.30pm - 9pm Youth (age 14-18) Wednesday 5pm - 6.30pm

To find out more and to register

www.coventrybears.com/bears5s



Bears 5s launch the new programme.



Getting fighting fit

Bootybox, a new combatbased cardio workout, is providing Coventry women with the opportunity to shape up whilst mastering moves taken straight from the boxing ring.

The new concept is the brainchild of fitness expert Chiemeka Eribenne, who brings with him over 20 years of experience in boxing and combat sports. Specifically targeting the female market, Bootybox aims to be inclusive

for all ages and abilities.
Based on a series of
40-second timed sequences,
participants work in pairs
using traditional pads and
gloves to box their way to a
better body.

Bootybox classes have been held on a weekly basis at Bablake School in Coventry every Sunday morning at 11am.

To find out more about Bootybox, visit www.community-sports.co.uk



Ricoh battle for 7s rugby crown

On Sunday August 7 the Ricoh Arena will host the Singha Premiership Rugby 7s Series Final, when eight top teams will go head-to-head to battle for the crown

It promises to be a red hot summer of 7s with rugby's return to the Olympic Games and the Singha Premiership Rugby 7s Series coming to Coventry.

David Armstrong, chief executive of Wasps, said: "Holding these types of events in Coventry can only help to develop interest in the game and driving up participation, whether that's playing, coaching or volunteering.

"The final promises to have a fun, party atmosphere as fans from all over the country will be keen to see how their team is shaping up ahead of the first league game."

Last year's final was won with a try in the last second of the final game between Wasps and Newport Gwent Dragons and we can expect this year's series to be just as exciting. Visit.www.Wasps.co.uk

Sky Ride takes off

Coventry residents will again be able to cycle on traffic-free streets this summer as the only Sky Ride in the West Midlands comes to town.

Entertainment along the route will include the Extreme Mountain Bike Show, British Cycling's Go Ride children's obstacle course, quiz show games and facepainting.

The free ride along the Ring Road and through Fargo Village can be joined anywhere along the route. Bikes can be hired on the day if you bring valid ID. If you pre-register, you can collect your free reflective bib on the day, and take advantage of a free bike safety check by Halfords.

Councillor Jayne Innes, Cabinet Member for City Services, said: "It's great that this is the third year we're hosting a Sky Ride. I've bought myself a bike as I'm looking forward to riding on the Ring Road – let's keep our fingers crossed for good weather!"

The event takes place from I Iam-3pm on Sunday August 7. Register at www.GoSkyRide.com/CoventrySkyRide



Speaking up for Coventry



The Council's new look Cabinet is hoping to challenge national government spending cuts on behalf of local people.

Leader of the Council, Cllr George Duggins, said that it was absolutely essential that his colleagues listened to the views of residents.

Cllr Duggins said: "I am working with a talented team of

councillors who are all committed to putting the city first.

"We're facing some tough challenges as a result of government spending cuts to local government, but we're determined to tackle these challenges by working together closely, speaking up for Coventry and making the most of the opportunities we have to improve the lives of Coventry people."

Cabinet Members (pictured above left to right) and their roles:

- Cabinet Member Strategic Finance and Resources Cllr John Mutton
- Cabinet Member Jobs and Regeneration Cllr Jim O'Boyle
- Cabinet Member Community Development Cllr Linda Bigham (front)
- Cabinet Member Adult Services Cllr Faye Abbott (back row)
- Deputy Leader / Policing and Equalities Cllr Abdul Khan
- Leader Cllr George Duggins
- Cabinet Member Education and Skills Cllr Kevin Maton
- Cabinet Member City Services Cllr Jayne Innes
- Cabinet Member Children and Young People Cllr Ed Ruane
- Cabinet Member Public Health and Sport Cllr Kamran Caan

Civic hopes for prosperity



Coventry's new Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor are hoping that growth and prosperity can continue during their time as civic leaders.

Like so many citizens, the Lord Mayor, Councillor Lindsley Harvard (above left) was born elsewhere (South Wales) but was brought up in Coventry from the age of seven years old.

He is a former pupil of Alderman's Green Primary School and Foxford Secondary Modern



School, serving on the Council for 14 years and representing Longford Ward since 2006.

Councillor Tony Skipper (above right) Coventry City Council's Deputy Lord Mayor for 2016-17 will become the Lord Mayor next year 2017-18.

Councillor Skipper was born in Norwich and moved to Coventry to study at the University of Warwick in 1979. He has represented Radford Ward since 2001.

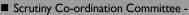
Keeping residents in the loop

A number of council committees, set up to review and challenge council policies, are hoping that social media will enable local people to keep tabs on decisions made in the local authority.

The Council's Scrutiny Coordination Committee has its own twitter account @covscrutiny Its chair Cllr Rachel Lancaster (pictured right) has set up a Facebook page which is already receiving regular visits at

www.facebook.com/covscrutiny

Alongside the co-ordination committee are five scrutiny boards. See below for details of chairs of each board:



Chair Cllr Rachel Lancaster, Deputy Chair - Cllr Rupinder Singh

- Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board (1) Cllr Lynnette Kelly
- Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board (2) Cllr Mal Mutton
- Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3)
 Cllr John McNicholas
- Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4)
 Cllr Naeem Akhtar
- Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5) Cllr Damian Gannon

Other Council committees

- Audit and Procurement Chair Cllr Sucha Bains Deputy Cllr Joe Clifford
- Ethics Chair Cllr Seamus Walsh
- Licensing and Regulatory Committee Chair Cllr Tariq Khan Deputy Cllr Robert Thay
- Planning Chair Cllr Richard Brown Deputy Cllr Keiran Mulhall
- For contacts details of Councillors, see pages 22 and 23.

Sunshine outings forecast

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

War Memorial Park

Meet at Education Room, Visitor centre, Booking not essential. Please allow 45 minutes to complete all activities. For more information call reception 024 7678 6280.

Coombe Country Park
Meeting point for all events
at the Information Desk/
Shop in the Visitor Centre
five minutes before session
begins. Advance booking and
payment essential for all events
unless otherwise stated. Please
contact the Visitor Centre on
024 7645 3720 or coombe.
countrypark@coventry.gov.
uk. Credit/debit card payments
accepted over the phone. Car
parking charges apply.

*All Capability Brown Festival events are being subsidised by the Heritage Lottery Fund as part of the national festival this year. Coombe Country Park has been designated an urban site and has received some funding to encourage audiences to explore and enjoy the landscape designed by Capability Brown.

Tot waddles - Every Friday War Memorial Park (10.30am -12 noon, £3.50 per child). Go on a little adventure before coming inside for some arts and crafts. Dress appropriately for the weather. Suitable for two to four-year-olds but younger accompanied siblings welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Ranger Volunteer Day Every third Wednesday in the calendar month

Various locations — Good fresh air and healthy exercise! Join the Park Service Rangers and help look after and develop Coventry's green spaces. Drinks and biscuits supplied, but bring your own lunch if staying all day. All volunteers must register in advance. Come once, come every time or just come when it suits you. For further information. Tel: 024 7683 3372. Suitable for adults.

JULY

10 - Northbrook AC 10k Road Race and Children's Fun Run 10k Race starts at 10.15am. Fun Run (2k) starts at 9.30am.Visit www.northbrookac.org.uk/10k

16 – Great Big Tree
Climbing Company –
Capability Brown Festival*
Coombe Country Park (see
website for available times, £3
per 30 min session). One of the
tallest Capability Brown trees
in the park led by the Great Big
Tree Climbing Co. Suitable for

six years+

22 - Birds of Prey Display

Coombe Country Park (I I am – I pm, Free, no booking required).

Get up close and personal with these amazing birds of prey brought to you by Iris May

Falcons. Suitable for all.

25, 26 and 27 – Spark in the Park. (1:30 to 4:30pm). Free family activities at Memorial Park organised by volunteers from Christian Coventry organisations.

26 – Fresh Air and Fun
Rangers' activities (1.30pm 3pm) Longford Park. Join the
Rangers for games and craft
activities. All under eights must
be supervised and all over eights
must have a completed parental
permission slip (available
from the Rangers on the day).
Rangers are not responsible
for young people leaving the
event. Suitable for families with
children up to 12yrs. Free event,
no booking required. Meet near
play area.

26 - Berty the Bushcrafter: Shelterbuilding

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

26 - Berty the Bushcrafter: Fire Lighting

Coombe Country Park (Ipm - 3pm, £4 per person). Learn bushcraft skills. Suitable for families (all children must be accompanied by paying participating adult).



27 – Water Life Discovery – Capability Brown Festival*
Coombe Country Park (10am – 11.30am, £1.50 per child).
Discover the water life in Capability Brown's landscaped water features in a pond dipping session. Suitable for

27 – Fresh Water Critters Coombe Country Park (Ipm – I.45pm or 2pm-2.45pm, £3 per child), Fun arty session making crafty water creatures. Suitable for three years+

three years+

27 – Fresh Air and Fun Allesley Park. See July 26 for details.

28 – Fresh Air and Fun Caludon Castle Park. See July 26 for details.

28 – The Little Piggy
War Memorial Park (1pm –
2.30pm, £3.50 per child) This
little piggy will help you to
save your pennies!, Join the

Education Team. Decorate your very own piggy bank Suitable for families.

29 - Birds of Prey Display Coombe Country Park (Ham

– Ipm, Free, no booking required). See 22 July for detail. 29 – Blast off War Memorial Park (1.30pm – 3pm, £3.50 per child). Be creative with our Education Team and make some space themed arts and crafts to celebrate Tim Peake's return to Earth. Suitable for families.

AUGUST

2 – Woodland Critters
Coombe Country Park (10am
- 10.45am or 11am – 11.45am,
£3 per child), Fun arty session
making crafty woodland critters
Suitable for three years+

2 - Fairy Gardens Capability Brown Festival*
Coombe Country Park (Ipm – 2pm, £5.50 per child). Be inspired by gardener Capability Brown and create your own fairy sized garden to take home. Suitable five years+

2 – Fresh Air and Fun Red House Park. See July 26 for details

3 – Fairy Gardens – Capability Brown Festival* Coombe Country Park (10am – 11am, £5.50 per child). See August 2 for details.

3 – Woodland Critters
Coombe Country Park (Ipm –
1.45pm or 2pm - 2.45pm, £3 per
child). See August 2 for details.
3 – Fresh Air and Fun

3 – Fresh Air and FunCoundon Hall Park. See July 26 for details.

4 - Fresh Air and Fun Willenhall Brookstray. See July 26 for details.

4 – Terrific Teddy Trail
War Memorial Park (Ipm –
2.30pm, £3.50 per child). Bring
along your teddies and join in
our annual teddy trail. Discover
Benjamin Bear's secret password.
Make some teddy themed arts
and crafts, why not bring a picnic
afterwards. Suitable for families.

5 – Roar-some DinosaursWar Memorial Park (1.30pm - 3pm, £3.50 per child). Come and join the Education Team to make some Roar-some Dinosaur arts and crafts to take home. Suitable for families.

5 – Birds of Prey DisplayCoombe Country Park (11am – 1pm, Free, no booking required).
See July 22 for details.

7 – Sky Ride Coventry, Broadgate, I Iam - 3pm.

9 - Crazy Clay

Coombe Country Park (10am – 10.45am or 11am – 11.45am, £3 per child). Design your own clay creations to take home. Suitable for three years+

9 – Butterflies and Bugs –Capability Brown Festival*

Coombe Country Park (1pm – 2.30pm, £1.50 per child). Discover the life to be found in the wildflower meadow, a busy site for butterflies and bugs. Suitable for three years+

9 – Fresh Air and Fun Longford Park. See July 26 for details.

10 – Butterflies and Bugs – Capability Brown Festival*
Coombe Country Park (10am – 11.30am, £1.50 per child). See August 9 for details.

10 - Crazy Clay

Coombe Country Park (Ipm – I.45pm or 2pm – 2.45pm, £3 per child). See August 9 for details.

10 – Fresh Air and Fun Allesley Park. See July 26 for details.

II - Fresh Air and Fun Caludon Castle Park. See July 26 for details.

II - Rock Pool Fun

War Memorial Park (Ipm – 2.30pm, £3.50 per child). Splish, Splash, Splosh! Join the Education Team to make your very own Rock Pool Creatures. Suitable for families.

12 – Birds of Prey Display Coombe Country Park (11am – 1pm, Free, no booking required). See July 22 for details.

12 - African Adventure

War Memorial Park (1.30pm – 3pm, £3.50 per child). Make jungle and safari animal arts and crafts to take home. Suitable for families.

I3 - Great BigTreeClimbing Company -Capability Brown Festival

Coombe Country Park (see website for time slots available, £3 per 30 min session). Suitable for six years+. See July 16 for details.

I6 - Bee-tastic - CapabilityBrown Festival

Coombe Country Park (10am - 10.45am or 11am - 11.45am, £1.50 per child). Fun children's craft session celebrating bees.

16 - Fairy Gardens -Capability Brown Festival*

Coombe Country Park (Ipm – 2pm, £5.50 per child). See August 2 for details.

16 – Fresh Air and Fun Redhouse Park. See July 26 for details

17 - Fairy Gardens Capability Brown Festival*

Coombe Country Park (10am – 11am, £5.50 per child). See August 2 for details.

17 - Bee-tastic - Capability Brown Festival*

Coombe Country Park (Ipm -

1.45pm or 2pm – 2.45pm, £1.50 per child). See August 16 for details.

17 – Fresh Air and Fun Coundon Hall Park. See July 26 for details.

18 – Fresh Air and Fun Willenhall Brookstray. See July 26 for details.

18 - Fly, Fly Away

War Memorial Park (Ipm – 2.30pm, £3.50 per child). From butterflies to bees! Make your own collection of colourful flying insects to take home. Suitable for families.

19 – Birds of Prey Display Coombe Country Park (11am – 1pm, Free, no booking required). See July 22 for details.

19 – Fantastic Fabric Day War Memorial Park (1.30pm – 3pm, £3.50 per child). Create your very own hand puppet and other items to take home. Suitable for families.

20 - Bats and Brown -Capability Brown Festival

Coombe Country Park (7.30pm – 10pm, £1.50 per person). Take a walk through the Capability Brown designed landscape to discover the night time residents. Note – pushchairs are not advised. Suitable for all (including families).

23 – Fresh Air and Fun Longford Park. See July 26 for details.

23 - Berty the Bushcrafter: Shelterbuilding Coombe Country Park (10am – 12noon, £4 per person). See July 26 for

23 – Berty the Bushcrafter: Fire Lighting Coombe Country Park (Ipm-3pm, £4 per person). See July 26 for details.

24 – Water Life Discovery – Capability Brown Festival* Coombe Country Park (10am – 11.30am, £1.50 per child). See July 27 for details.

24 – Fresh Water Critters Coombe Country Park (1pm – 1.45pm or 2pm-2.45pm, £3 per child). See 27 July for details.

24 – Fresh Air and Fun Allesley Park. See July 26 for details.

25 – Fresh Air and Fun Caludon Castle Park. See July 26 for details

25 – All the Colours of the Rainbow

War Memorial Park (Ipm – 2.30pm, £3.50 per child). Celebrate nature's most colourful season of the year and make some colourful arts and crafts. Suitable for families.

26 – Strike a Light

War Memorial Park (1.30pm – 3pm, £3.50 per child). Join the Education Team to decorate a tea light holder to take home. Suitable for families.

26 – Birds of Prey Display Coombe Country Park (11am – 1pm, Free, no booking required). See July 22 for details.

SEPTEMBER

2 - Birds of Prey Display Coombe Country Park (11am – 1pm, free, no booking required). See July 22 for details.

4 - Bats and Brown - Capability Brown Festival Coombe Country Park (7.30pm - 10pm, £1.50 per person). See August 20 for details.

10 - Lake Walk - Capability Brown Festival*

Coombe Country Park (10am – 4pm, free). Enjoy walks around the lake in the conservation area and learn about engineering features and the boathouse.

10 – Children's Trail-Capability Brown Festival* Coombe Country Park (10am – 4pm, free). Capability Clues are all around the park just pick up

a free trail leaflet at the Visitor

10&11 – Festival of Crafts – Heritage Open Weekend Coombe Country Park (10am – 4pm, free). Coombe Abbey Woodturners woodturning and other heritage craft stalls and demonstrations. Visit www.

coombeabbeywoodturners.

16 - Bat Walk

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Rangers' activities (6.45pm, free, no booking required) Coundon Hall Park, meet Waste Lane Car Park. Come and find out about these fascinating mammals. The Rangers will bring a few bat detectors for participants to share. Suitable for families with children up to 12yrs.

21 - Volunteer Day (10.30am – 3pm, free, no booking required) Location to be confirmed. See Volunteer Day box on page 20).

23 - Bat Walk

(6.40pm, free, no booking required). Stoke Floods, meeting point to be confirmed. See September 16 for details.

30 - Bat Walk

(6.30pm, free, no booking required) Wyken Slough Nature Reserve, meeting point car park. See September 16 for details.



summer of music 2016

Sunday 17 July
Spencer Park
Near to the tennis courts

MERIDIAN DANCE ORCHESTRA

► Sunday 24 July Allesley Hall Rear garden of Allesley Hall

DENE RIVER JAZZMEN

► Sunday 31 July Longford Park Use Windmill Road entrance CUBBINGTON

► Sunday 7 August Allesley Hall Rear garden of Allesley Hall

PHOENIX ROCK 'N' ROLL BAND

SILVER BAND

► Sunday 14 August War Memorial Park

COVENTRY CONSORTIUM BIG BAND

At the Visitor Centre

► Sunday 21 August Holbrooks Park BEDWORTH

CONCERT BAND

➤ Sunday 28 August Spencer Park Near to the tennis courts

BEAUTIFUL SOUND

Sunday 4 September Stoke Green Park JAGUAR

LAND ROVER BAND

Sunday I I September
Caludon Castle Park

THE SYNCOPATORS

Coinciding with Heritage Open Days





All events 2.00pm-3.30pm www.coventry.gov.uk/bandsinparks

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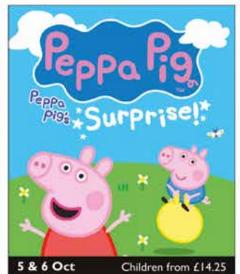


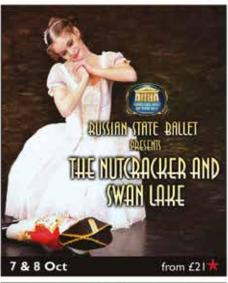
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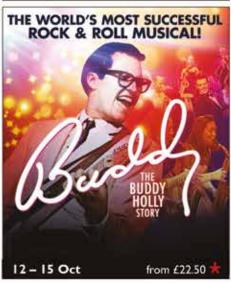


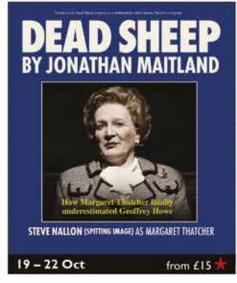
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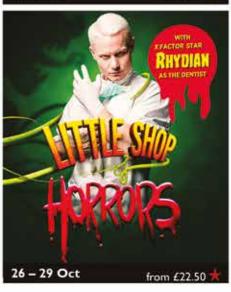












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