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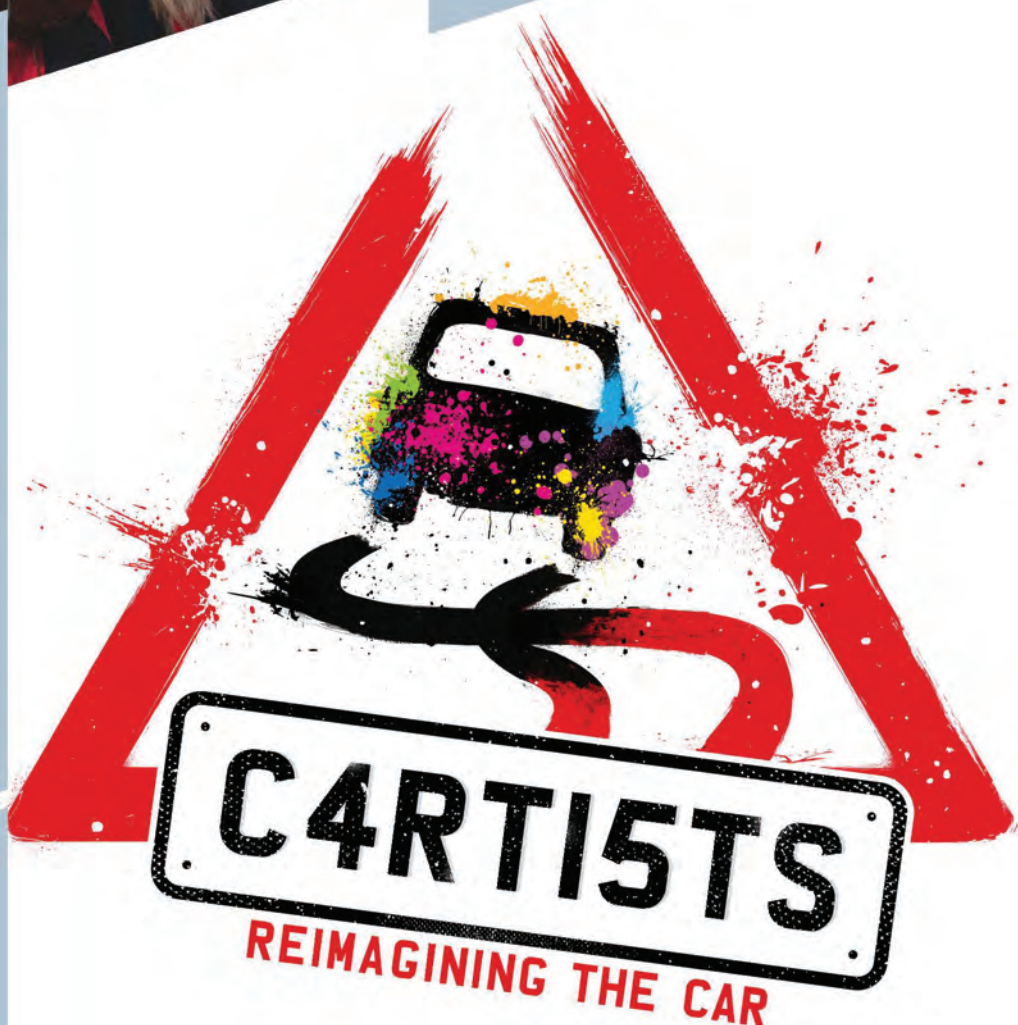
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• A personal message from Cllr George Duggins, Leader, Coventry City Council.

## Kickstarting business growth

We recently announced that the Financial Ombudsman Service is to move an additional office into two floors of the Friargate building, accommodating 300 staff.

This is a really positive step because it will help to attract more businesses to locate in the city.

The news comes at a time when there are many other developments, and we must continue to encourage even more regeneration schemes across Coventry.

In the next few weeks we are hoping to find out if we have made the shortlist for UK City of Culture 2021. We're putting a strong case together and there is lots of local business support for the bid.

In this issue of *Citivism* we also explain about changes to the way we collect your bins. It will mean that you will be able to recycle food waste and there will be opportunities to find out more before the new service begins in September.

Following the terrible attacks in London and Manchester I hope that people attending summer events, like the Godiva Festival, will be vigilant and report anything suspicious but enjoy these events and be reassured that we continue to work with the police to review our event planning – and your safety is paramount.

These are changing times but there's no doubt that Coventry is a very special community and there is a real desire to show unity.

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# Park and pay with your phone

**People parking in some city centre car parks now have the option to pay for parking using their mobile phone.**

Councillor Jayne Innes, Cabinet Member for City Services, (pictured below) said: "It's great that people can pay for their car parking via their mobile phone. People rely less and less on cash so having this feature in

our car parks will mean that visitors to the city centre can shop without having to worry about finding the right change for the car park."

Look out for this sign in city centre car parks and on-street – where you see it you can pay by phone.



## Inspectors have a 'Good' feeling about Adult Education

Adult learners in Coventry can be sure of a good experience after inspectors gave the Council's Adult Education Service the seal of approval.

After a short inspection earlier this year Ofsted has confirmed the service has maintained the 'Good' rating it achieved in 2013. They praised a number of areas, including the establishment of a successful apprenticeship programme.

They also highlighted 'highly effective' study programmes for care leavers, NEETs

(young people not in education, employment or training) and looked after children making a 'significant difference' to their future prospects.

Head of Adult Education, Heather Blevins, said: "The Service's good grade is down to the very hard work of all staff to give local residents a positive learning experience and their passion for helping people to succeed."

The Adult Education Service runs over 1,000 courses across 23 venues.

## Council Tax collection rates up

Council tax collection rates are up by £10m in Coventry and the speed in which housing benefit and council support claims are processed is quicker compared with the previous year.

The Council collected 95.8% of council tax between April 2016 and March 2017, amounting to £125.2m. In the previous year, up to March 2016, the council tax collected was £115.2m.

Business Rates collections have also improved with £122.7m collected in the 12 months up to March 2017 compared to £120.9m in the previous 12 months – 97.8% of business rates were collected in the year.

The time it took staff to process new housing benefit and council tax support claims is also improving. The average time to process these claims was 18 days – compared to a target of 20 days.

The news highlights the steps the Council is taking to manage its

finances effectively and efficiently.

The council tax that residents' pay each month contributes to the cost of a broad range of important services in the city.

Councillor John Mutton, Cabinet Member with responsibility for finance, said that it was positive news.

He added: "I'm pleased that our collection processes are more efficient.

"We work hard to pursue debts and aim to use all of the available collection methods to maximise revenue collection so that we can spend this on services to local people.

"This is especially important in a climate where the government are cutting funding to local authorities."

He said that it was also good news that people making claims for housing benefit and council tax support were having their claims processed more quickly.

## Skills Summit

A spirit of collaboration for a positive future was the overriding theme of the first Coventry Skills Summit.

The event, organised by Coventry City Council and hosted at the Ricoh Arena, brought together more than 100 delegates from the worlds of business, education (schools, universities, Further Education Colleges) and local government.

They shared their views and experiences on what is needed to ensure Coventry's young people are equipped with the right skills so the current and future workforce is productive, creative and innovative.

Speeches covered topics including the local labour market, the industrial strategy and the local and national education system.

The event also saw a series of debates and discussions introduced by City Council apprentice Olivia McFadden and student Alice Mkandawire who talked about the personalised approach to careers she experiences at Westwood Academy.

It is hoped the Skills Summit will become a regular event, allowing partnerships to flourish.

■ Cllr Kevin Maton joins organisers and students at the event.





# Boost to city centre scheme

**A major national financial body is to locate one of its offices in Coventry.**

The Financial Ombudsman Service is set to take two floors of the new 11-storey One Friargate, now nearing completion near the railway station.

The Financial Ombudsman Service - the UK's official expert in sorting out problems with financial services - has a major office in London, but has been looking for an additional office with good transport connections, less than 100 minutes from London. The move will accommodate up to 300 staff later this year when the building is complete.

The service - which handled around two million enquiries last year - is an independent body set up to resolve individual disputes between customers and businesses.

Councillor Jim O'Boyle, Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration, said: "This is very positive news that the Financial Ombudsman Service has decided

to locate its new office in Coventry.

"Not only was the FOS impressed with the location they also see real potential for their business to be based here."

"We are keen to ensure that our city continues to attract and retain big name employers, creating quality jobs for local people and contributing to the success of the wider region.

"We believe that having the Financial Ombudsman Service at Friargate will send a really important message to other potential business partners.

The service will take on a 10-year lease, and will be moving into the building from October. This will result in the Council retaining its offices at Broadgate House in the city centre for about 300 staff.

Caroline Wayman, chief ombudsman, said: "We solve problems for consumers and businesses from across the UK every day. We're delighted to have found this excellent new office space in Coventry and are looking

forward to moving in and getting to work."

Steve Reynolds, of Friargate, added: "I am sure that, with the first two major employers now set to move into One Friargate before the end of the year, interest in Friargate and Coventry as an attractive business location will continue to grow."

■ Cllr Jim O'Boyle outside Friargate.



## City in running for top award

**Coventry has reached the final of major awards that celebrate great places in the UK and beyond.**

The city is on a final shortlist of three for the Academy of Urbanism's Great Town Award alongside Corby and Milton Keynes. The winner will be announced in November.

The awards have, this year, been focussed on cities that have been built or rebuilt since 1945.

The shortlisting recognises what the city has done in the 70 years since the Second World War - the iconic architecture of Coventry Cathedral and the city as a birthplace of modernism in the UK.

## Clifford's lovin' his new job

A programme to help young people in Coventry get into employment and education has helped a new arrival into the city find work - and he's lovin' it!

Clifford Nghneya arrived in the UK from Kenya in January to join his parents, who had been here for eight years, and, despite English not being his first language, he was determined to find employment.

He was put in touch with Positive Youth Foundation (PYF) and joined its Involved Programme

which helps newly arrived young people settle into their surroundings and offers support with health and wellbeing, social integration and learning English.

Clifford was also enrolled on the Ambition Coventry employability programme, which draws together skills and expertise from 20 organisations. It's led by Coventry City Council's Employment Team and creates pathways for young people to achieve their goals.

The 18-year-old was successful

in his application and is now working in the McDonald's restaurant in Cross Cheaping in Coventry city centre.

"My parents moved to Coventry eight years ago and I stayed with my guardians back in Kenya so it has been great to join my family here," said Clifford.

"The people I work with have been very friendly, much more patient and helpful than I expected."

Ambition Coventry is a youth employment initiative funded through the European Social Fund. It works with anyone aged between 16 and 19 who lives in Coventry and is not in any form of employment, education or training (NEET).

■ Krishan Singh (PYF), Anuj Gupta (business manager), John Kiely (franchisee), Auguste Zvirblyte (shift manager) and Clifford Nghneya.



## Troublemakers face bookies ban under new Bet Watch scheme



■ Sharon Horner, Designing Out Crime Officer (WMP), James Harman, Paddy Power, Martin McCrystal Coventry City Council, Peter Sturgeon, WMP, Neil AMOS, Ladbrokes coral, Ciara Pelamunty, Ladbrokes, Debbie Larman, Ladbrokes, Paul Fayerty, Ladbrokes coral, Emma Press, William Hill, Stephen Foster, Gambling Commission, Chris Tombs, William Hill, Robbyn Kirwan William Hill, Richard North Superintendent WMP.

A new police-backed scheme designed to cut crime and anti-social behaviour in betting shops has been launched in Coventry – and it means troublemakers face a city-wide ban from bookies.

Betting shops across the city have signed up to a new Bet Watch initiative which enables them to share information on criminal offences or abusive punters with each other and the police.

A 'banned from one, banned from all' policy is being introduced by eight of the city's betting firms

as part of a partnership to help prevent crimes such as robbery, assault, theft and anti-social behaviour. Coventry Police are working alongside bookmakers, Coventry City Council, the Business Improvement District, Bookmaking Industry and Gambling Commission through the joint approach, which also aims to protect betting shop staff and other customers.

Shops can share information between themselves digitally or through a forum which meets on a regular basis.

## Reporting hate crimes

Coventry Multi-Faith Forum is calling on the community to stand together following the attacks in Manchester and London.

The Forum spoke out against the attack saying: "We condemn this mindless act and hope that it does not create any rifts in our society. Violence has simply no place in civilised society."

Despite these messages of harmony it's important to remind people to report any incidents of hate crime - which can include anything from verbal or physical abuse to criminal damage.

In Coventry if anyone feels at all vulnerable or who wishes to report any acts of hate crime, they can call the police on 101. Anyone reporting an

emergency should call 999 and ask for the police. Hate crime can also be reported online at [www.coventry.gov.uk/repothathecrime](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/repothathecrime) or by e-mailing [streetenforcement@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:streetenforcement@coventry.gov.uk)

Cllr Abdul Khan, Deputy Leader of Coventry City Council, said: "Coventry is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together and there has been a show of unity across all communities.

"The overwhelming sentiment is that now is the time for people of all backgrounds to work closely together and unite against those who seek, through violence and extremism, to intimidate or cause fear."

## Owners fined over dogs' microchips

Two dog owners have been fined for not keeping their dogs' microchip details up to date.

The two were taken to court after their dogs were found as strays and taken to the kennels.

Council Animal Welfare Officers found the dogs were microchipped, but the details were incorrect.

When the owners were found they were given 28 days to update the details, but no action was taken. They were taken to court.

Appearing on a charge of non-compliance with a microchipping

notice – failing to update details on their dog's microchip – one owner pleaded guilty and was fined £240, ordered to pay costs of £255.75 and a Victim Surcharge of £30.

In another case, the owner was fined £440, ordered to pay costs of £255.75 and a Victim Surcharge of £44.

Microchipping of dogs and ensuring the owner's details are kept up to date are essential in quickly identifying the owner of the stray dog, and minimising the costs to the public purse.

## Help stop the scammers

Citizens Advice are pulling out all the stops to identify and share information about fraudsters: but they need your help to be scam aware.

July is National Scams Awareness Month and it is estimated that only 5 per cent of scam victims report their experiences.

If you identify a scam, contact the Consumer Helpline on 0345 404 0506; if you are the victim of

a scam, contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040; if you want to know more about scams, and how to protect yourself, visit

[www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer); if you want to keep up-to-date with scams locally, sign up to Coventry Trading Standards' scam alerts by visiting [www.coventry.gov.uk/tradingstandards](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/tradingstandards) or follow Coventry Citizens Advice on twitter at [www.twitter.com/coventryca](https://twitter.com/coventryca)

## Police offer updates for community

West Midlands Police have launched a free new community messaging service to help communities keep in touch with them.

Called 'WMNow' the service is free to sign up to. Members of the public can register according to their interests and where they live and work.

It provides updates about what's happening in all areas

across Coventry and the West Midlands - whether it's details of incidents, timely crime prevention advice, community events or appeals for information.

All local police teams will use the system to send information out to their neighbourhoods and answer any questions they have.

To sign up, visit [www.wmnow.co.uk](http://www.wmnow.co.uk) and get started today.



# Reasons to be cheerful at the Belgrade Theatre

A pioneering disabled-led theatre company, Graeae, has announced the return of their acclaimed musical *Reasons to be Cheerful*, which will hit the road with a UK tour opening at the Belgrade Theatre this September.

Following a hugely successful tour in 2012 which was seen by almost 12,000 people and a series of concert performances last year, the production will visit seven regions around the country, kicking off at the Belgrade, Coventry on Friday 8 Sept.

First seen in 2010, *Reasons to be Cheerful* has gone on to play at theatres and festivals across the UK, in stadiums around the world, and even in front of HM The Queen.

"Spasticus Autisticus", the Ian Dury-penned disability rights anthem which features in the show, was performed by the cast



at the London 2012 Paralympic Games Opening Ceremony and, despite being banned by the BBC in 1981, broadcast worldwide in front of an audience of over 1 billion.

This coming of age tale rejoices in the infectious and enduring music of Ian Dury and the

Blockheads. Featuring stone-cold classic songs including Hit Me With Your Rhythm Stick; Plaistow Patricia; Sex and Drugs and Rock and Roll; Sweet Gene Vincent; What A Waste and the titular *Reasons to be Cheerful* (Part 3), this show is loud, bold and jubilant.

All performances of *Reasons*

to be *Cheerful* seamlessly include British Sign Language, audio description and creative captioning.

Jemima Dury, daughter of Ian Dury, said: "I'm so excited for everyone who will see *Reasons to Be Cheerful* on this 2017 tour. You are in for a treat! It's energizing, it's moving and it's enormous fun. It comes as close as you can get to a 1979 Ian Dury and the Blockheads gig. Graeae gives us diverse, accessible theatre at its best. This is how all theatre should be!"

Tickets for *Reasons to be Cheerful* are available by calling the Belgrade Box Office team on 024 7655 3055 or booking online at [www.belgrade.co.uk](http://www.belgrade.co.uk) for even cheaper tickets.

■ *Reasons to be cheerful cast members.*

## Award for high tech business



**A single mum from Coventry has picked up an award for helping to equip apprentices with new tech skills – as well as helping to make learning fun for schoolkids across the Midlands.**

Louise Campton, (pictured second left) who runs Primary Goal based at the University of Warwick Science Park's Business Innovation Centre in Binley, has already grown the company to seven permanent members of staff.

After receiving support through the Business Ready programme through the Science Park, Primary Goal picked up a Gold Award for E-learning from

Apprentices4England and is now looking to grow the company further.

Primary Goal currently works with 20 apprentices and schools across Coventry, Warwickshire and the wider Midlands.

Louise, who is from Bell Green and has two children aged eight and 13, said the help of Business Ready.

She said: "I don't know if the business could have continued without the support of Business Ready. It was invaluable.

"I am delighted to pick up the award. It was a great achievement in such a short space of time. We are also working with some of the biggest names in the world of technology."

## HMS remembrance service



The Lord Mayor of Coventry, Cllr Tony Skipper was joined by members of the public at a remembrance service at Holy Trinity Church to mark the 35th anniversary of the sinking of HMS Coventry and remember the 19 men who lost their lives.

The congregation also stood for a minute's silence at 11 am, just days after the tragic events of Manchester.

HMS Coventry was a Type 42 destroyer in the Royal Navy during the Falklands conflict. It

was struck by three bombs on 25 May 1982. Two of the bombs caused critical damage which caused flooding aboard the ship. Within 20 minutes, HMS Coventry had to be abandoned. It then capsized and sank.

A total of 19 crew members were killed, 30 were injured and the other 170 were later rescued.

A memorial plaque to those who lost their lives on HMS Coventry can be found inside Holy Trinity Church.



# Godiva Rocks the Belgrade Theatre

The Belgrade Theatre has announced its full line-up for the autumn 2017 season, including the must-see Coventry musical **Godiva Rocks** making its world premiere on the main stage. The show runs from 7-21 October, and is from the creative team behind the smash-hit Coventry Blitz play **One Night in November**.

With a large cast and a live band on stage, **Godiva Rocks** will feature 20 classic songs from Coventry artists such as Frank Ifield, Vince Hill, Hazel O'Connor, The Specials, Terry Hall, King, The Primitives and The Enemy. Local



playwright, Alan Pollock, wanted to capture a sense of pride for Coventry's vibrant musical history, from the 1960s to the

present day.

September will also mark the 10th anniversary of Belgrade's B2 auditorium which was later

added onto the original 1958 building (the first civic theatre to be built after the Second World War), and has since housed world class drama, new-writing, music, dance and comedy. To celebrate the anniversary, the Belgrade will be producing a landmark production of **Faithful Ruslan: The Story of a Guard Dog**, directed by internationally renowned Helena Kaut Howson. This will be followed by a production of **Pink Sari Revolution**, based on the remarkable true story of the Gulabi Gang and brought to the stage by the Belgrade, Curve, West Yorkshire Playhouse and English Touring Theatre.

## Bid could bring windfall to city

A Coventry-based design agency knows that its work could play a large part in the city earning up to £1 billion.

The Jade Studio, based at Electric Wharf, was chosen to design and deliver the bid the city is making to be UK City of Culture in 2021.

The Jade Studio was commissioned to design the identity for the bid and has worked on everything from banners to flyers and leaflets to the large 2021 hoardings at Coventry railway station.

The Jade Studio was formed by Matt East and Jason Dickens in 2000 with support from the Prince's Trust and now works across the UK for clients including Wembley, Leicester City, Danone

and the University of Warwick.

Mikey Baxter, 29 (pictured with Laura McMillan from Coventry's bid team), Creative Director of the Jade Studio, said: "It has been really exciting working on a project which means so much to the city in which we are based."

"Although we work across the UK, we are very much a Coventry company. We were formed here and have always been based in the city."



**warwick arts centre**

WHAT'S ON

2017

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# Shortlist hope for culture entry



The whole city is eagerly waiting to find out if Coventry has made the shortlist for UK City of Culture 2021.

The initial bid document was submitted in April and the team behind the bid expects to find out in late June / early July whether Coventry has made the shortlist of four in line to win the prestigious title,

which is currently held by Hull.

*"We are all looking forward to hearing whether we have been shortlisted. We believe our initial bid is very strong and puts forward a great case for Coventry."*

The document was produced by Coventry City of Culture Trust and initially pits the city against 10 others from across the UK.

It has been based heavily on research into the social and economic make up of Coventry, along with evidence on the number of visitors the city attracts, from where and for what types of activity.

If the city does make the shortlist it will then submit a more detailed bid document, will be visited by the judges and will also have to give a presentation to them during late summer and early autumn.

The final announcement take place in Hull in December as its year comes to a close.

Laura McMillan, manager of Coventry City of Culture Trust, said: "We are all looking forward to hearing whether we have been shortlisted. We believe our initial bid is very strong and puts forward a great case for Coventry."

To show your support for Coventry's bid on social media, go to @Coventry2021 on facebook, twitter and instagram. For more information, log onto [www.coventry2021.co.uk](http://www.coventry2021.co.uk)

■ (L-R) Tayyibah Mota, David Burbidge, Louis Lewinson, Laura McMillan, Emma Harrabin and Juliet Colley.

## Businesses back culture bid

One of the UK's leading training providers based in Coventry believes the bid to make 2021 an extra special year will transform the city forever.

PET-Xi, based at Westwood Way at the Westwood Business Park, has delivered intensive GCSEs, SATs and other exam courses to help over 100,000 students from Northumberland to Cornwall reach their academic potential since the company was set-up in 1995.

It's a Bid Development Sponsor to support Coventry's submission to become UK City of Culture in 2021.

Fleur Sexton, joint Managing Director of PET-Xi, said the support didn't stop at making a financial investment in the city's future.

She said: "When we visit schools in Coventry and



Warwickshire every day, we are always talking about the UK City of Culture and there is no doubt winning this bid would galvanise everyone.

"Coventry has a population which is on average seven years younger than other cities in the UK. It is vital we continue to encourage young people to work and live in our city."

David Burbidge, Chairman of the Coventry City of Culture Trust, said the backing of businesses was important.

He said: "Following the initial announcement of our plan to go for UK City of Culture status, the response from the business community has been magnificent – we have close to 80 backers in total."

To show your support on social media, go to @Coventry2021 on facebook, twitter and instagram.

For more information, log onto [www.coventry2021.co.uk](http://www.coventry2021.co.uk)

■ David Burbidge and Fleur Sexton, with members of the team from PET-Xi.



# Building hope for new communities

Coventry is building hope for some of the most deprived people in the community, thanks to a partnership between the Council and the Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre (CRMC).

The Refugee Centre is moving from its home in Bishop Street, back to Norton House in Hillfields where it started in 2000, to be closer to most of its clients.

With the help of the Council, CRMC has identified new premises, an unused and run-down building, Norton House. The Chief Executive of the centre, Sabir Zazai, said: "The aim will be to overcome cultural and racial misconceptions, promote integration, and continue Coventry's tradition of welcome, peace and reconciliation."

Norton House will be

where refugees and migrants can go for advice and help. The charity also wants it to be an exhibition space open to the public at weekends. The centre supports around 3,500 vulnerable refugees every year.

Structural repairs and extensive work is needed to make Norton House a modern office and meeting venue and the charity has to raise £60,000 by the end of the year. Its patron, the Bishop of Coventry, the Rt Rev Dr Christopher Cocksworth, has launched a major fundraising campaign.

To support this project visit [www.justgiving.com/coventryrefugeeandmigrantcentre](http://www.justgiving.com/coventryrefugeeandmigrantcentre) where you can make a donation, or email [info@covrefugee.org](mailto:info@covrefugee.org). The centre aims to help refugees rebuild their lives and to integrate and start contributing in their new home city.



■ Sabir Zazai and CRMC Fundraising Manager Lorna Couper at Norton House.

## City parks welcome big bands

Brass, jazz, rock 'n' roll, swing and big band music are being performed in city parks throughout the summer as part of Bands in the Park 2017.

The free performances are being staged from 2pm - 3.30pm

This year also sees Naals Mill Park joining in the fun with Chase Jazzmen performing there on the 13 August.

Karen Aspin, Events Project Manager at Coventry City Council, said, "Once again we are

set to have some fantastic local talent performing in our lovely parks. There will be a great mix of music on most Sunday afternoons throughout the summer.

The music in the parks will conclude on 10 September in Caludon Park.

This year's events are from 2pm-3.30pm, and a full list of the performances can be found at [www.coventry.gov.uk/bandsinparks](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/bandsinparks)

**Bands in the Park 2017**

**EVENT TIMES**  
2pm – 3.30pm

<p>■ <b>Sunday 16 July</b> <b>STOKE GREEN PARK</b> Dayspring Steel Band</p> <p>■ <b>Sunday 23 July</b> <b>SPENCER PARK</b> Jaguar Landrover Band near to the tennis courts</p> <p>■ <b>Sunday 30 July</b> <b>LONGFORD PARK</b> Phoenix Rock 'N' Roll Band use Windmill Road entrance</p> <p>■ <b>Sunday 13 August</b> <b>NAALS MILL PARK</b> Chase Jazzmen upper area near the Coundon Street entrance</p>	<p>■ <b>Sunday 20 August</b> <b>ALLESLEY HALL</b> Acoustica in the rear garden of Allesley Hall</p> <p>■ <b>Sunday 3 September</b> <b>WAR MEMORIAL PARK</b> Meridian Dance Orchestra near to the Visitor Centre</p> <p>■ <b>Sunday 10 September</b> <b>CALUDON CASTLE PARK</b> A D Concert Band coinciding with Heritage Open Days</p>
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**www.coventry.gov.uk/bandsinparks**

**FREE EVENTS**

Coventry City Council logo, Coventry logo, musicday logo

## Inspiring job for student Luke

Hereward College student, Luke Elson, (pictured) has secured permanent paid employment at Whitefriars Housing thanks to the college's groundbreaking supported internship programme.

The College has been working with a range of key employment partners including Whitefriars Housing to deliver the programme, which enables young people with disabilities to gain experience in the workplace within a supported environment.

Zoey Rhodes, Hereward Job Coach, who has helped students with the transition into the world of work said: "All of the interns at Whitefriars have grown in confidence. It's great to see their progress."



Luke said: "I have done lots of training and learnt new skills. I would recommend this experience to my friends. It might inspire them to do something they enjoy."



## Doctor Who composer honour

**The woman who wrote the theme song for Doctor Who has been honoured by having a road named after her.**

Delia Derbyshire was known for her pioneering work in electronic music. The road name was suggested by Pete Chambers, Director of The Coventry Music Museum, who campaigned for the Coventry composer's recognition.

The road in Wyken was originally to be called Derbyshire

Road but Pete felt 'Way' was a better choice.

"I suggested 'Way' instead, so it gave a double meaning, as Delia was a genius and strong personality and really did do things in her own way," he said.

Derbyshire was an essential part of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop, exploring uncharted territory in electronic music. The Doctor Who theme was first used in 1963. The melody has remained the same for 54 years.



Pete Chambers, left, with Cllr Linda Bigham, front, campaigners and a representative from Bellway Homes at The Brambles.

## Long service honour for Columb

A Council worker has been honoured after completing 57 years in the Highways Service.

Columb McCoy, aged 79, is one of Coventry City Council's longest serving employees.

Columb started working for the Council as a road worker, helping to build some of the roads and highways around the city.

He has been involved in some of the iconic changes seen to the city centre, having spent 15 years based there.

Columb remembers seeing a helicopter put a spire on top of Coventry Cathedral, and had a

hand in building the city's iconic Ring Road. He started at the Council in 1960 at a time when the service was still using a horse and cart to transport concrete around the city.

Columb said: "I'm thinking of retiring some time next year, but I like working. It keeps me busy. I've lots of good memories."

Coventry's Lord Mayor Cllr Tony Skipper met Columb to congratulate him on his long service.

Columb was recently shortlisted in the Council's employee awards.



(L-R) Peter Ullah and Colin Knight, Highways Services, Lord Mayor Cllr Tony Skipper, Neil Cowper, Highways Services, Columb McCoy, Cllr Jayne Innes, Cllr Abdul Khan and Cllr George Duggins.

## City's heritage uncovered



Visitors enjoying the Freeman's Guild Room, Bayley Lane.

Coventry will be celebrating its 23rd year taking part in Heritage Open Days this September.

The four day event held on 7, 8, 9 and 10 September is run by the National Trust and supported by the People's Postcode lottery.

Venues are taking part from all over the area, including Allesley Park, Coombe Park, Baginton and Ryton.

Lots of tours will be available and some exciting new venues will open up for the first time.

Free vintage buses will be operating on the Saturday and Sunday to help people get around.

Activities for children will include history and adventure trails, treasure hunts, colouring and quizzes.

Medieval musicians Blast from the Past will be performing, as well as displays from the Federation of Metal Detectors, Coventry Re-built and the plans for opening up the River Sherbourne.

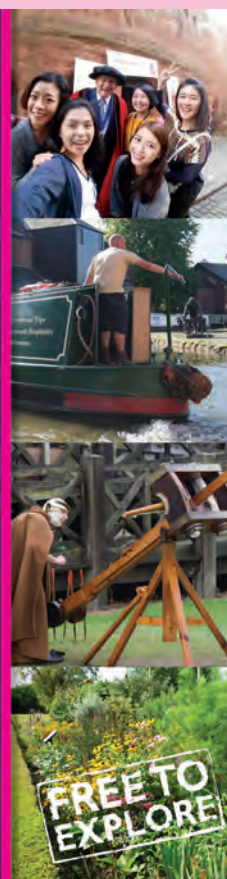
It is an opportunity to come along and view some of Coventry's rich history with a glimpse into normally unseen areas, with free admission to those venues that normally charge.

## COVENTRY'S Heritage OPEN DAYS

Celebrating Coventry's Culture and Heritage  
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For further information call  
024 7683 2479 or visit  
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# We're changing the way we collect your bins...

From mid-September we will be changing the way we collect your bins.

We will empty your green-lidded bin one week, and your blue and brown-lidded bins the next throughout the year.



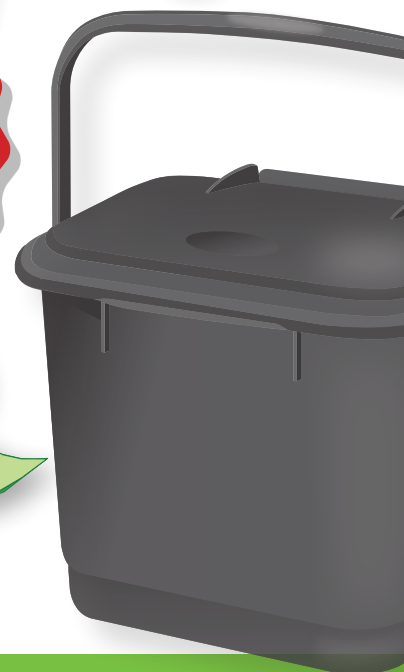
## Food waste is coming...

Changes to collection services will mean that from this September you will be able to recycle food waste.

Over the next few weeks look out for:

- Food caddy
- Collection calendar
- 10 free compostable bags

**You will receive more information through the door.**



**For further information visit [www.coventry.gov.uk/binchanges](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/binchanges)**



# Recycling Club



*Join Coventry Recycling Club for tips on making the most of your new bin collection service and to find out how your community can benefit from recycling rates going up in your area.*

As a member, you'll receive rewards if the amount of recycling goes up in your collection area, plus you'll have access to special discounts and be able to help local charities, all thanks to government grant funding.

Coventry Recycling Club members have already helped over 30 local charities and good causes, and you can too.

If you'd like to ask any questions about the changes to your collections, what will go in each bin or how to start composting at home, we'll be hosting drop in roadshow sessions across the city.

To sign up to the Coventry Recycling Club or find out more information on drop in sessions, visit: [www.coventry.gov.uk/recyclingclub](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/recyclingclub)

## Look out for us at:

### Central Library:

- every Monday (except Bank Holiday Monday, 27 August) from 17 July – 11 September, 3pm – 7pm

### Broadgate:

- every Friday from 24 July – 8 September, 2pm – 4pm
- the first and last Saturday of the month from 29 July – 2 September, 10am – 2pm

### Coventry Market:

- every Friday from 14 July to 1 September, 9am – 12noon



*Sign up today!*



■ Frank Lynn with guide dog Rick, from Godiva Guide Dogs who have benefitted from Coventry Recycling Club.

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



## Veterans' mental health service launched



Veterans' Mental Health Transition, Intervention and Liaison (TIL) Service Midlands and East has been established to achieve joined up care for veterans across the region.

Veterans' Mental Health TIL Service staff include clinicians with a range of relevant veteran and professional experience. TIL will provide a responsive, innovative and high quality mental health service, delivering local care through three hubs. Each hub is attached to its nearest Ministry of Defence (MOD) Department of Community Mental Health (DCMH) for direct links to those veterans in transition out of Her Majesty's armed services into civilian life.

Veterans' Mental Health TIL Service will operate a 24/7, 365 days per year single point of enquiry (0300 323 0137) for initial triage and flow through to the three service hubs for veteran-specific assessment, care planning and on to NHS treatment local to them.

### £100,000 research project

Coventry University and partners have been given £100,000 as part of a £5 million research programme into independent living for disabled people.

The project will explore the quality and usefulness of Education, Health and Care Plans for young disabled people, and how they might be improved.

## Baby Friendly recognition for Coventry University

Coventry University has achieved the first step in gaining international recognition for the high quality breastfeeding education provided to students on its two BSc Midwifery courses.

The university has been awarded a Certificate of Commitment from the UNICEF UK Baby Friendly Initiative.

It is the first step towards full Baby Friendly accreditation, a prestigious international award highly sought after by hospitals,

health organisations and training providers.

The university has also ensured that there is no promotion of breastmilk substitutes, bottles, or teats on the midwifery courses or by any of the staff.

Sue Lees, Coventry University's lead midwife for education, said: "By ensuring that our students have the appropriate knowledge and skills, more women will be able to breastfeed their babies for longer.

"Mothers might also be

interested to know that it's easier, cheaper and more convenient than bottle feeding."

■ Student midwives training how to support mothers with breastfeeding.



## Celebrating the work of nurses



Nurses and midwives from across Coventry and Warwickshire came together for the second annual celebration event for International Nurses' Day and International Day of the Midwife.

The event included a procession through Coventry city centre, leading into a ceremony at

Coventry Cathedral.

This year's Master of Ceremonies was Director of Nursing for George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust, Michelle Norton. She said: "I was honoured to be Master of Ceremonies at this year's event, to highlight the incredible work nurses

and midwives do.

"It was an opportunity to say thank you to our dedicated teams of nurses and midwives who are real heroes every day."

■ Nurses and midwives march through Coventry city centre.

## Save the date 2017

### 20 July

**Do you or someone you care for use mental health services in Coventry?**

**Come along to one of our evening meetings where you'll have the opportunity**

**to question Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust mental health clinicians about services and developments. 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Group Room 1, City of Coventry Health Centre, Stoney Stanton Road, Coventry CV1 4FS**

### 22 September

**All are welcome to Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust Annual General Meeting (AGM).**

**Open from 1.30pm for a 3.00pm start. Ricoh Arena, Judds Lane, Coventry CV6 6AQ.**





## New rules on smoking trade

New laws have come into place about the ways in which people can smoke across the country.

Cigarette packaging is now in a standard format for all brands, including the brand name and health warnings on every packet, to remind smokers of the risks.

The new legislation also means that cigarettes will no longer be available in packs of 10. This change will mean cigarettes become more expensive. On average customers will pay at least

£9 for a pack of 20.

All menthol and flavoured cigarettes are now banned.

Rolling tobacco will now be available in pouches of a minimum of 30 grams.

The aim of these changes is to make cigarettes and tobacco less tempting to buy.

Stop smoking services are available across the city to help people kick the habit for good.

For details visit [www.coventry.gov.uk/stopsmoking](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/stopsmoking)

## Computers helping detect cancer cells

Cancer cells are to be detected and classified more efficiently and accurately, using ground-breaking computer intelligence.

Using a digital pathology imaging solution, scientists at the University of Warwick's Tissue Image Analytics (TIA) Laboratory aim to enable pathologists to increase their accuracy and reliability in analysing cancerous tissue specimens over what can be achieved with existing methods.

Led by Professor Nasir Rajpoot from the Department of Computer Science at the university, a large, digital repository of a variety of tumour and immune cells found in thousands of human tissue samples is being set up. Scientists are developing algorithms to recognise these cells.

The programme is part of a new collaboration between the University of Warwick, Intel

Corporation, the Alan Turing Institute and University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust (UHCW).

"We have long known that important aspects of cellular pathology can be done faster with computers than by humans," said Professor David Snead, Clinical Lead for Cellular Pathology and Director of the UHCW Centre of Excellence. "Above all it will lead to better care for patients, especially those with cancer."

The initial work focuses on lung cancer. The University of Warwick and Intel are collaborating to improve a model for computers to recognise cellular distinctions associated with various grades and types of lung cancer.

For more details about cancer research visit [www.warwick.ac.uk/cancerappeal](http://www.warwick.ac.uk/cancerappeal) or follow twitter @WarwickCRC.

## New Trainee Nursing Associate pilot launched



■ New Trainee Nursing Associates with the Professional Development Team.

Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust is working with the Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership to support a new two year trainee nursing associate pilot. The pilot will result in a qualification as a Nursing Associate.

Heather Randle, Professional Development Lead for the Trust, said: "This valuable new role will help to diversify and expand our current workforce, promoting job satisfaction and staff retention. "It will also contribute to a variety

of career opportunities whilst supporting the ever changing needs of the NHS.

"We have nine Trainee Nursing Associates (TNA) in our Trust out of a total of 30 working across Coventry and Warwickshire NHS organisations. Our nine TNAs are placed across inpatient mental health and learning disability, community mental health and learning disability, community District Nursing and Tissue Viability services."

## Diabetes health concern

People in Coventry are being reminded of the risk of getting Type 2 diabetes and how to reduce it.

Diabetes is one of the UK's biggest health crises, and it's on the rise. Around 4.5 million people in the UK are living with diabetes, and 11.9 million are at risk of developing Type 2 diabetes.

Its impact and complications can be devastating, causing blindness, amputations, even early death.

Despite these huge numbers, fewer than two in five people think that they or their close family are likely to get diabetes. They aren't concerned about diabetes, and they don't understand or know what it is.

Unlike Type 1 diabetes which is not linked to

lifestyle and cannot be prevented, the most important risk factor for developing Type 2 diabetes is being overweight especially for those who are large around their middle. This is something people can do something about by maintaining a healthy weight through eating a healthy diet and taking regular exercise.

Other risk factors for Type 2 diabetes, which cannot be changed, are ethnicity – being South Asian, African-Caribbean, Black African – being aged over 40 (or over 25 if you are South Asian), and having a parent, child, brother or sister who has diabetes.

To find out more visit [www.diabetes.org.uk/knowyourrisk](http://www.diabetes.org.uk/knowyourrisk)



# Businesses back health charter

**Eighteen organisations recently attended a city health and wellbeing awards.**

The Council hosted the Workplace Wellbeing Charter Awards as part of a scheme that encourages businesses to meet standards of leadership, attendance, health and safety,

mental health, smoking, physical activity, healthy eating and alcohol and substance misuse.

Since the charter was set up five years ago 37 companies have achieved Charter status – including 11 new firms at this year's awards.

Cllr Kamran Caan, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult

Services at Coventry City Council, presented the awards to local businesses. He said he was impressed by the growing impact that the Charter is having.

For more information about signing up to the Workplace Charter visit [www.coventry.gov.uk/charter](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/charter)



■ Cllr Kamran Caan joins the latest businesses to achieve the Workplace Wellbeing Charter.

## Laura proves doubters wrong

Young mum Laura Brindley (pictured) was told to forget about her education after giving birth to her son at the age of 18.

But she chose to ignore the doubters and is now in her third year of a Biomedical Science degree at Coventry University.

Twenty two year old Laura has just won a Rising Star in Further Education award for her achievements and for overcoming adversity.

She wants to spread the message to other women that having a child or being a young mum does not have to mean you give up on your education.

Laura said: "I was a single mum, on my own at 18 and everybody told me 'you can't have your education, forget about succeeding in life."

"I want women and mums to know that they can do whatever they want if they are willing to work hard."

Laura is currently on a placement year at pharmaceutical company Nemaure Pharma Ltd, based in Loughborough.



## Wasps crowned champions

Wasps Netball were recently crowned champions of the Vitality Netball Superleague in their first ever season.

The team toppled favourites Loughborough Lightning in a dramatic Grand Final, which saw Wasps win 55-51 at the Barclaycard Arena in Birmingham. For details visit [www.waspsnetball.co.uk](http://www.waspsnetball.co.uk)

## Volunteers offer digital tips to older people

A scheme run by the Council and Coventry University which helps older people make better use of social and digital media is going from strength to strength.

During the past four years 70 Coventry University student volunteers have provided IT training to hundreds of older people.

Coventry's Central Library hosts the Gen2gen sessions using its IT facilities.

Cllr Kevin Maton, Cabinet Member for Education, said that the intergenerational project was

fantastic. He said: "Talking to older people about making the most of, and using, the latest digital technology is really important."

More than 500 people have taken part in Gen2gen, learning about anything from setting up an email account to use of the Internet, tablets, smartphones, laptops and digital cameras.

It is being extended to Stoke and Earlsdon libraries.

To book a session, visit Central Library and leave your name, contact number and what you would like to learn in a session.

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If you then want to accept it you'll need to do this online before midnight on **11 July**.

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Coventry City Council



# Stability is key for Council Cabinet



**The Council's Leader, Cllr George Duggins has finalised details of his Cabinet and other key roles at the Council, and most responsibilities remain unchanged.**

The roles came into effect in May and Cllr Duggins said that it was an important time to show stability.

He said: "Now that the General Election has concluded it is

important that as local councillors we do all that we can to improve the economic wellbeing of the city.

"My colleagues are working hard to improve lives for local people. We want to maintain the progress being made and cannot be complacent.

"That's why we didn't want to make any significant changes in the make-up of the Cabinet and across other committees."

## 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 / Policy and Leadership 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

## Letting you know what's going on

The Council's Scrutiny function is a way of reviewing policies, decisions and services of the Council and other organisations operating in Coventry to meet the needs of local communities.

Councillors who form the Scrutiny committees set out their

own work programme and publicly hold the Council to account for its decisions and actions.

Scrutiny plays an important part in supporting open and transparent decision-making and



- Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee - Chair Cllr Richard Brown (pictured above) Deputy Chair - Cllr Joe Clifford
- Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board (1) - Cllr Rupinder Singh
- 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

## Lord Mayor's hopes for cultural success



Coventry's new Lord Mayor is hoping that his year as First Citizen coincides with Coventry being named the UK City of Culture 2021.

Councillor Tony Skipper began as a councillor more than 20 years ago. In 1995 he became a councillor for Earlsdon Ward for four years and in 2001 was elected as councillor for Radford Ward, where he has served ever since.

He came to Coventry in 1979 to study for a postgraduate degree at Warwick University. After successfully achieving this



he decided to stay and make Coventry his home.

He said: "I am honoured to take on the role of Lord Mayor and this year will take on added importance for me as we take the city further forward as a contender for the 2021 City of Culture."

"I'm looking forward to helping celebrate the talents and achievements of people in our city."

Deputy Lord Mayor, Cllr John Blundell, current ward councillor for Wainbody, will become Lord Mayor in 2018-19.

democratic accountability.

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## Other Council committees

- Audit and Procurement - Chair Cllr Sucha Bains Deputy Cllr Lindsley Harvard
- Ethics - Chair Cllr Seamus Walsh
- Licensing and Regulatory Committee - Chair Cllr Tariq Khan Deputy Cllr Robert Thay
- Planning - Chair Cllr Pat Seaman Deputy Cllr Keiran Mulhall

■ For contacts details of councillors, see pages 22 and 23.



# All good for Godiva F

**Coventry Godiva Festival will get underway from 7-9 July in the city's War Memorial Park and there are some big musical names getting in tune to perform at the free festival.**

Groups including Example and DJ Wire, The Darkness and The Stranglers will be headlining the main stage, supported by the likes of Cast, Kate Nash and Carl Barât and The Jackals, plus a whole host

of other artists like Lucy Spraggan, The Amazons, Mallory Knox, Tom Clarke, Panjabi MC, King Hammond & The Rude Boy Mafia, and AJ Tracey.

**COVENTRY  
GODIVA FESTIVAL**  
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support which makes a significant difference to our ability to deliver another great festival.

"We have a long history of working in partnership with Coventry University and this deal strengthens that further."

"Securing sponsorship for the Coventry Godiva Festival was something we have been looking to achieve as the income it will generate will help to offset the financial cost of this wonderful and popular event at a time of considerable wider challenges we face as a Council."

Coventry Godiva Festival is brought to you by Coventry City Council, supported by Coventry University and in association with Free Radio, Jaguar Land Rover, BBC Coventry & Warwickshire, Coventry Jubilee Rotary Club, Fargo Village and Coventry City of Culture Trust.

## More than just music...

Added to the mix is Godiva Festival's much-loved Family Field, which will see the return of the beloved petting farm, birds of prey displays and kids inflatables, with the new addition this year of a mini beasts show, where children can get up close and personal with bugs, lizards, a tortoise and even a snake.

This year's Paradise Tent will see its popular range of fantastic comedy

with the likes of Carly Smallman and Tiernan Douieb, with a silent disco on Saturday night and a showcase of local talent from schools, dance troupes and young performers.

A new addition to the festival on Sunday, supported by the City of Culture Trust, are Cirque Bijou who will be performing New Day, a brand new contemporary circus spectacular,

created especially for Godiva. Circus artists climb, fly and dance accompanied by live and mixed music, and the big finale sees a daredevil highline walk accompanied by a Coventry Choir, brought together just for this show. Shows are at 2pm and 4pm.

Also new for Sunday is the 'Specialized' tent, an afternoon of ska/reggae hosted by Pete Chambers BEM.

Councillor Abdul Khan, Cabinet Member for Events, said: "I'm really looking forward to this year's festival. We're pleased that new sponsors have come on board this year to add their



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# and to go festival 2017

## Godiva Festival showcasing Coventry

The festival, which now enters its 19th year, will continue to offer all of its usual mix of live music, family entertainment and attractions, and the funfair over three days.

Last year, Godiva Festival earned its highest amount of visits ever with 148,000 visits over three days.

The event has been growing continuously and attracts more and more visitors from outside of Coventry, with over 30% of visitors coming from outside of the city. The increase in visitors means a rise in stays at hotels and money spent in Coventry, which is all good news for the local economy.

## Staying safe

As usual, West Midlands Police will be supporting the event with their presence and they'll be on site all weekend to help make sure that you stay safe at the festival. We also have our security staff positioned around the festival outside tents, near fences, and at entrance points, plus they'll be patrolling around the site too. However, even at an event like

Godiva Festival, when the police and security are around, things can go wrong, and you need to do your bit to stay safe as well.

### How to have a good Godiva Festival:

- Keep your phones/cameras safe – if you bring your mobile, keep it zipped up in a pocket or hidden away to stop it falling out of your pocket.
- Please do not bring drones.

- Please do not bring large bags.
- Leave large sums of cash or any valuables at home – only bring the amount of cash you need, and if you need more, there's a onsite cashpoint.
- Don't drink too much – drinking too much can mean you make yourself vulnerable to being a victim of a crime. Stick together and look after each other.
- Child wristband scheme – if you're bringing kids to the festival, you can buy a wristband for your child with a phone number on. If your child gets lost, security can call the number on the band and reunite you.
- Respect your fellow festival-goers – anyone being disorderly or causing a disturbance will be removed from the festival.
- Look out for each other – if you see something, say

something. Don't be a bystander.

- Remain vigilant and report anything suspicious – if at any point over the weekend you feel something is wrong or you spot anything that worries you, no matter how small, please report it to the Police who are stationed around the site or speak to security. They'll be able to help you.

At Godiva Festival, we take your safety seriously, so make sure you stay safe. And have a fantastic time!

## Keep it clean

Council staff and volunteers are out again this year in force to help keep the surrounding streets and areas litter free after the festival. Please help us out by making sure you dispose of litter in bins.

## How to get there

**ON FOOT:** The park is 10 minutes' walk away from Coventry Railway Station and 15 minutes from the city centre.

**CAR PARKING:** Free parking for up to 2,000 will be on site, with the entrance just off Leamington Road. Please follow the car park signage. Alternatively, there's plenty

of city centre parking available over the weekend. For more details visit [godivafestival.com](http://godivafestival.com)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Vehicles causing an obstruction on surrounding streets or parked on the verges will be towed away and you'll be liable to pay a release fee, plus a possible fine, for ignoring double yellow lines.

Throughout the three day event, band announcements and updates will be added to.

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



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[www.twitter.com/godivafestival](https://www.twitter.com/godivafestival)



# What's on out and about

Here are some of the activities 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 5 minutes before session begins. Advance booking and payment essential for all events unless otherwise stated. All bookings are taken online at [www.coventry.gov.uk/coombevents](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/coombevents)

Please note that car parking charges apply. All children need to be accompanied by an adult.

## Tot waddles - Every Friday

War Memorial Park (10.30am - 12noon, £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 accompanying siblings welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

## Ranger Volunteer Day Every third Wednesday in the calendar month 10.30am - 3pm, free

Various locations - Good fresh air and healthy exercise! Join the Park Service Rangers and help look after and develop Coventry's green spaces. 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: 0783 158 2854. Suitable for adults.

## Daily summer trails at Coombe Abbey

Between the hours of 10am and 3pm daily, (cost dependant on trail.) Throughout the summer months why not take part in our self-led trails. Trail sheets are available from the information centre between the hours of 10am and 3pm daily. Please allow at least an hour to complete the trails. Suitable for families.



## JULY

### 14 to 23 - Love Parks Week

Rangers' activities (10.30am - 3pm, free, booking must register with Rangers in advance if you have not been before.). LOCATION AND MEET TO BE CONFIRMED, Show your love for Coventry's Parks and join the Park Service Rangers for a focussed project that will really make a difference. Once a year the Rangers concentrate their volunteer experience on one site for a high impact activity. Previous projects include new paths in Lake View Park and a new boardwalk in Longford Park. Suitable for adults and accompanied teenagers.

**27 - Terrific Teddy Trail**  
War Memorial Park (1.30pm - 3pm, £3.50). Bring along your teddies and join in our annual teddy trail. Discover what Benjamin Bear's secret password is. Join the Education Team to make some teddy themed arts and crafts. You might even want to stay and have a picnic after. Suitable for families.

**28 - Potty Plates**  
War Memorial Park (1.30pm - 3pm, £3.50). Come and join the Education Team to decorate your own plate. Suitable for families.

## AUGUST

**1 - Mighty Meadows**  
Coombe Country Park (10.30am - 12 noon, £4 per child, booking essential). Come and explore the wonders of

Coombe's mighty meadow, and the variety of different plants and animals that make it their home. Then join us back in the classroom to plant something in your personally decorated plant pot to take home. Suitable for five years+

### 1 - Crazy Clay

Coombe Country Park (1pm - 1.45pm or 2pm - 2.45pm, £4 per child, booking essential) Come and join the Education Team and design your very own clay masterpieces to take home. Suitable for three years+

### 2 - Crazy Clay

Coombe Country Park (10.30am - 11am or 11.30am - 12.15pm, £4 per child, booking essential). Come and join the Education Team and design your very own clay masterpieces to take home. Suitable for three years+

### 2 - Mighty Meadows

Coombe Country Park (1.30pm - 3pm, £4 per child, booking essential). See Aug 1 for details.

### 2 - Fishing for beginners

Coombe Country Park (10am - 11.30am, £12 per booking, booking essential). Junior rod license is essential for those 12 and over; available free of charge from the post office or online at [www.gov.uk/fishing-licences](http://www.gov.uk/fishing-licences). Limited spaces.

### 3 - Iris May Falcons

Coombe Country Park (11am - 1pm, no cost, no booking required). Get up close and personal with these amazing birds of prey brought to you by Iris May Falcons. Suitable for all.

### 3 - Roar-some Dinosaurs

War Memorial Park (1.30pm

- 3pm, £3.50). Come and join the Education Team to paint a Plaster of Paris dinosaur (various sorts available), and make other dinosaur arts and crafts to take home. Suitable for families.

### 4 - Tremendous Tea Towels

War Memorial Park (1.30pm - 3pm, £3.50). Come and join the Education Team to decorate your own tea towel to take home. Suitable for families.

### 7-9 Spark in the Park

War Memorial park. A free of charge 'family festival' open to all families who come to the park. Run by the Christian Churches in Coventry. This year it will run every afternoon from Monday to Wednesday.

### 8 - Beautiful Bugs

Coombe Country Park (10.30am - 11.15am or 11.30am - 12.15pm, £4 per child, booking essential) Come and join the team in making some amazing mini-beast arts and crafts for you to take home. Suitable for three years+

### 8 - Picture Perfect

Coombe Country Park (1.30pm - 2.15pm or 2.30pm - 3.15pm, £4 per child, booking essential). Have a go at creating and decorating a variety of picture frames for your home. Suitable for five years+

### 8 - Fresh Air and Fun

Rangers' activities (1.30pm - 3pm, free, no booking required) Longford Park, meet near play area. Join in the outdoor fun with the Rangers, including games and craft activities.

These 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). Rangers are not responsible for young people leaving the event. Suitable for families with children up to 12yrs.

### 9 - Picture Perfect

Coombe Country Park (10.30am - 11.15am or 11.30am - 12.15pm, £4 per child, booking essential). Create and decorate a variety of picture frames for your home. Suitable for five years+



## 9 – Beautiful Bugs

Coombe Country Park (1.30pm – 2.15pm or 2.30pm – 3.15pm, £4 per child). See Aug 8 for details.

## 9 – Fresh Air and Fun

Allesley Park, meet near play area. See Aug 8 for details.

## 10 – Iris May Falcons

Coombe Country Park (11am – 1pm, free, no booking required). See Aug 3 for details.

## 10 – Have a hoot

War Memorial Park (1.30pm – 3pm, £3.50) Come and join the Education Team to paint an owl ceramic plate and other owl friends to take home. Suitable for families.

## 10 – Fresh Air and Fun

Caludon Castle Park, meet near play area. See Aug 8 for details.

## 11 – Tree-mendous Toys

War Memorial Park (1.30pm – 3pm, £3.50). See Aug 4 for details.

## 15 – Wild and Wacky Wildlife

Coombe Country Park (10.30am – 11.15am or 11.30am – 12.15pm, £4 per child, booking essential). Ever thought how wacky some of our British wildlife is? Join us as we create some wacky wildlife arts and crafts for you to take home. Suitable for three years+

## 15 – Tweeting Birds

Coombe Country Park (1.30pm – 2.15pm or 2.30pm – 3.15pm, £4 per child, booking essential). Come and join the team in decorating and creating some bird themed arts and crafts to take home. Suitable for three years+

## 15 – Fresh Air and Fun

Edgwick Park, meet near play area. See Aug 8 for details.

## 16 – Tweeting Birds

Coombe Country Park (10.30am – 11.15am or 11.30am – 12.15pm, £4 per child, booking essential). See Aug 15 for details.

## 16 – Wild and Wacky Wildlife

Coombe Country Park (1.30pm – 2.15pm or 2.30pm – 3.15pm, £4 per child, booking essential). See Aug 15 for details.

## 16 – Fresh Air and Fun

Coundon Hall Park, meet near play area. See Aug 8 for details.

## 17 – Iris May Falcons

Coombe Country Park (11am – 1pm, no cost, no booking required). See Aug 3 for details.

## 17 – Monkey Madness

War Memorial Park (1.30pm – 3pm, £3.50). Come and join the

Education Team to make your own tribe of monkeys to take home. Suitable for families.

## 17 – Fresh Air and Fun

Prior Deram Park, meet near play area. See Aug 8 for details.

## 18 – Curious Candles

War Memorial Park (1.30pm – 3pm, £3.50). Come and join the Education Team to make and decorate candles. Suitable for families.

## 22 – Animal Allsorts

Coombe Country Park (10.30am – 11.15am or 11.30am – 12.15pm or 1.30pm – 2.15pm or 2.30pm – 3.15pm, £4 per child, booking essential). Animals come in all shapes, sizes and colours. Join the team to create some colourful animal themed arts and crafts for you to take home. Suitable for three years+

## 22 – Fresh Air and Fun

Longford Park, meet near play area. See Aug 8 for details.

## 23 – Scarecrow Fun

Coombe Country Park (10.30am – 11.30am or 1pm – 2pm, £5 per child, booking essential). Come and join the team in making your very own scarecrow for your garden. A prize will be given for the best scarecrow. Please bring with you some old children's clothes to make your scarecrow with.

## 23 – Fresh Air and Fun

Allesley Park, meet near play area. See Aug 8 for details.

## 24 – Fishing for beginners

Coombe Country Park (10am – 11.30am, £12 per booking, booking essential). See Aug 2 for details.

## 24 – Iris May Falcons

Coombe Country Park (11am – 1pm, no cost, no booking required). See Aug 3 for details.

## 24 – Wondrous Wildlife

War Memorial Park (1.30pm – 3pm, £3.50). Come and join the Education Team to make wildlife arts and crafts. Suitable for families.

## 24 – Fresh Air and Fun

Coundon Hall Park, meet near play area. See Aug 8 for details.

## 29 – Fresh Air and Fun

Redhouse Park, meet near play area. See Aug 8 for details.

## 30 – Fresh Air and Fun

Nauls Mill Park, meet near play area. See Aug 8 for details.

## 31 – Fresh Air and Fun

Stoke Green Park, meet near play area. See Aug 8 for details.

## 31 – Iris May Falcons

Coombe Country Park (11am – 1pm, no cost, no booking required). See Aug 3 for details.

## 9 - 10 SEPTEMBER HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

### Photo exhibition

Coombe Country Park (10am – 4pm, no charge, booking not required) As part of the Heritage Open Days we are hosting a photographic exhibition of Coombe Country Park past and present. Come along and view how the park has changed over time.

### Festival of crafts

Coombe Abbey Woodturners return for their 4th annual festival hosting woodturning and other heritage craft stalls and demonstrations. See [www.festivalofcraft.co.uk](http://www.festivalofcraft.co.uk) or [www.coombeabbeywoodturners.co.uk](http://www.coombeabbeywoodturners.co.uk) for more information.

## SEPTEMBER

### 8, 16 & 22 – Guided Bat Walks

Rangers' activities (TBC depending on sunset times, free, no booking required) Location TBC. Come and find out about these fascinating night flying mammals. The Rangers will bring bat detectors for participants to share. Suitable for families.

## OCTOBER

### 8 – Fungi Foray

Coombe Country Park (10am – 12 noon, £10 per person, booking essential). Celebrating National Fungi Day our resident fungi expert will take you on a tour of the site, identifying mushrooms and much more. Suitable for adults and children aged 12 and above.

### 21-29 – Spooky Trail

Coombe Country Park (10am – 3pm, £2 per trail, booking not essential). Come along and experience our spooky trail. Find the information to crack the code to collect your prize. Trail sheets available from the information centre from 10am until 3pm. Please allow an hour to complete. Suitable for families.

### 23-27 – Halloween

#### Screams

Rangers' activities (1.30pm – 3pm, free, no booking required) Location TBC. Join in the outdoor fun with the

Rangers, including Halloween themed games and craft activities. These events are open access, all under eights must be supervised by an adult 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.

### 24 – Spooky Candles

Coombe Country Park (10.30am – 11.15am or 11.30am – 12.15pm, £4 per child, booking essential) Come and create your own spooky candles to take home in readiness for spooky Halloween using mouldable wax and special wax pens. Suitable for five years+

### 24 – Hooting Owls

Coombe Country Park (1.30pm – 2.15pm or 2.30pm – 3.15pm, £4 per child, booking essential). Come and create your own spooky candles to take home in readiness for spooky Halloween using mouldable wax and special wax pens. Suitable for five years+

### 25 – Creepy Creatures

Coombe Country Park (10.30am – 11.15am or 11.30am – 12.15pm, £4 per child, booking essential). Have a hoot of a time finding out some fascinating facts about our nocturnal friends whilst having fun making some owl themed arts and crafts to take home. Suitable for five years+

### 25 – Goulsh Lanterns

Coombe Country Park (1.30pm – 2.15pm or 2.30pm – 3.15pm, £4 per child, booking essential). Come along and make your very own Spooky lanterns ready for Halloween.

### 26 – Happy Hedgehogs

War Memorial Park (1.30pm – 3pm, £3.50). Come and join the Education Team to make your own family of hedgehogs. Suitable for families.

### 27 – Bonkers about Birds

War Memorial Park (1.30pm – 3pm, £3.50). It's nearly winter! Help your feathered friends out by joining the Education Team to create your very own wooden bird feeder that you can hang in the garden. You can also make your own feathered friend to take home. Suitable for families.

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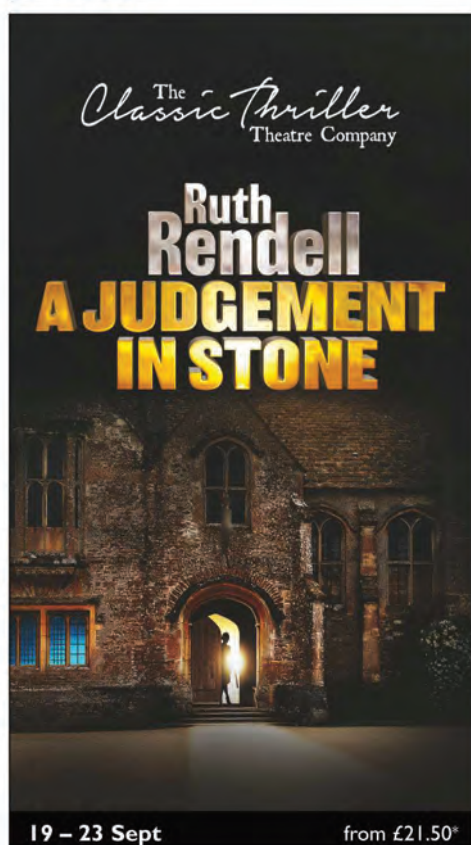
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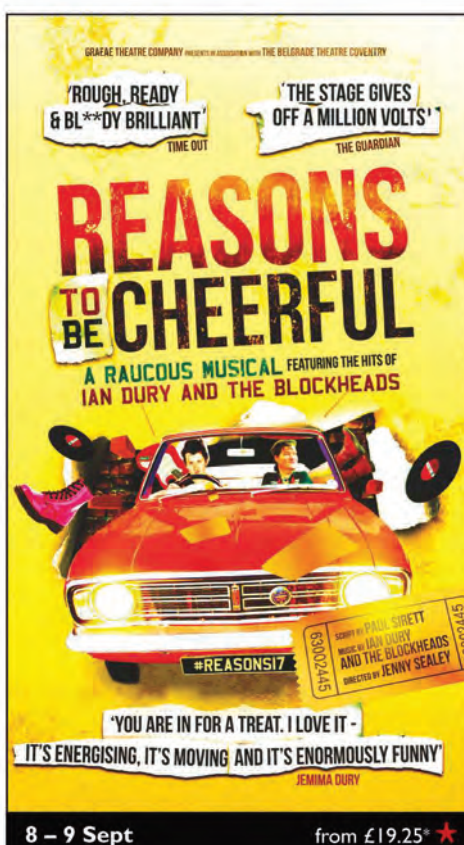


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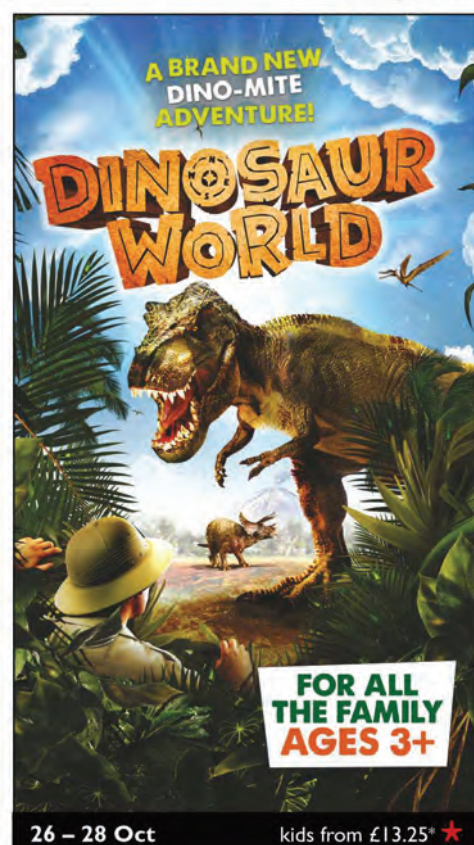
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