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This issue of Citivision includes articles, features and adverts from many local organisations - all with the common goal of improving life for Coventry residents.

Contributions include the new Coventry and Warwickshire website, and the news of a new city wide project to accelerate broadband services to businesses.

Similarly our reflections on the start of the First World War anniversary will resonate with young and old in our communities, especially because of the city's experiences particularly during WWI.

Elsewhere there is news of new developments at Henley College, updates on health projects in the city and lots about events going on around the city – enjoy reading.

Sorrow and joy in poignant year ahead

Coventry is fast getting a great reputation as the place to be if you want to enjoy big events that are special and different.

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And there’s plenty more to come this summer as you’ll find out in this bumper issue of Citivision.

Of course, the Godiva Festival is now a highlight of summer in the city, and this year’s festival line-up is already being talked about as one of the best yet.

There’s a full guide to everything going on over a packed weekend on pages 24-25.

For me, though, the most important events of the year will take place as we mark the centenary of the beginning of the First World War: Across the city a number of organisations are working on commemorating this important date with dignity and respect.

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Looking for a fun, free and educational way to keep the kids entertained over the summer holidays? Then your local library has just the thing, with the Mythical Maze Summer Reading Challenge.

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Events are being held across the city to mark the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War and remember those who worked, served and lost their lives from 1914-18.

A round-up of some of the attractions on offer in and around Coventry this winter.

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Your chance to bid for grant money

Voluntary and community groups are encouraged to apply for grants of up to £5,000 to make a difference in local areas of the city.

Coventry City Council has announced the launch of the 2014/15 Community Grant Fund with around £100,000 available.

The funding is for projects that help improve neighbourhood environments or help improve the health and wellbeing of local people.

The fund was first introduced last year by the

The fund is intended to help voluntary and community groups throughout Coventry make their neighbourhoods better places...

Council. Funding will be allocated during two rounds of applications. The deadline for the first round is Monday, June 30.

Details of how to apply and an application form is available on the Council’s website

New way of working for coroner services

Coventry’s Coroner’s Services has moved from Little Park Street Police Station to Council offices in Civic Centre One, Little Park Street.

The move will help the service work more closely with the Council’s Bereavement Services and Registration Services. Last year there were 1,868 deaths that were referred to the Coroner in Coventry and for one in 10 of these an inquest was held.

In the coming months the service will have a website set up to help people to find out about the processes and procedures that the Coroner’s Service follow. Staff in the Coventry Coroner’s Services will include the Coroner, and a small team of support staff.

People are usually informed at the time of death that the death is being referred to the Coroner.

The Coroner has a duty to investigate and record the details of any death where the cause is not known, violent, unnatural or whilst the deceased was legally detained.

The office will be open daily from 9am to 4pm, or e-mail coroner@coventry.gov.uk

Keep the bailiffs at bay

The large majority of council tax payers make their payments on time but there are occasions where people fall behind with their payments.

It is now more important than ever that council tax is paid on time. Recent changes to the law mean that fees charged by Enforcement Agents, the new title for bailiffs, could be substantially higher where payments are not made.

In cases where the Enforcement Agent has to remove goods the extra fees could be as much as £420.

If you are having difficulty in making council tax payments, call 024 7683 1111 or email counciltax@coventry.gov.uk

Branching out to help protect environment

Coventry is joining forces with a scheme called Treezilla in order to show just how much local trees are doing for the environment. Councillor Rachel Lancaster (pictured) is backing the scheme and says she is surprised at just how much money some trees end up saving each year.

This is something which is understated today, trees do such a variety of different things for the environment and we have one tree in town which saves over £400 a year, which thinking about it is really unbelievable.” If you are interested in learning about Treezilla or want to help, please visit www.treezilla.org

Heralding dawn of online voting

Changes to the legal requirements for registering to vote come into effect from June 10. All over the UK people will, for the first time, be able to register to vote online.

Councillor Lancaster will be able to register to vote by going to www.gov.uk/register-to-vote and filling in their details. The system is easy to use, and works on tablets and mobiles as well. It takes just two minutes to register.

People registering will be asked to provide their date of birth and national insurance number to verify their identity, helping to ensure the register is accurate and reduce the risk of fraud. In addition to registering to vote online, residents will still be able to register in the traditional way, by returning a registration form – however each resident will now have to do this individually, rather than one form per household.

Residents currently on the electoral register will be contacted, with the majority of people receiving a letter confirming that they are still on the electoral register, and that they can update their registration online if they move house.

Council teams will be going door-to-door over the coming months contacting those people who aren’t registered, encouraging them to either head to the website, or return their forms – so they don’t lose out in voting in future elections and also experience problems in getting credit.
Coventry next Gigabit City

Coventry is set to be transformed into the largest ‘Gigabit City’ in the UK as part of a major new agreement giving businesses access to some of the fastest communications in the world.

Businesses connecting to the Coventry CORE network will have access to broadband which is capable of gigabit speeds, which are 100 times faster than the UK average and on a par with the world’s fastest cities such as Hong Kong and Stockholm.

Tim Luft, chief executive at the Serious Games Institute, said: “As a technology company, connectivity and quality of service is central to our success. The establishment of the Coventry CORE only adds to that.”

The deal is expected to benefit the city through economic growth and to bring an influx of new businesses.

Cllr Damian Gannon, Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources, at the Council, said: “Faster broadband is vital for Coventry businesses to enable them to compete and succeed on the international stage. Coventry can now look forward to the numerous social and economic advantages; driving economic investment and catalysing business start-ups.”

CityFibre is currently working to transform York and Peterborough into Gigabit Cities and Coventry will now be the largest city in the UK with an ultra-fast pure fibre network.

The Council installed a fibre network spanning 140km six years ago to service more than 300 of its key sites across the city including council buildings, schools and community centres properties. These sites will continue to receive long-term right of service as part of the contract with CityFibre.

Greg Mesch, CEO of CityFibre, said: “As a Gigabit City, Coventry will position itself at the heart of the UK economy. Coventry’s businesses will have a huge digital head start over the competition, at home and abroad.

“We are now encouraging businesses to pre-register their interest – nothing more – and that will enable us to start mapping out the network in a way which will deliver most business advantage.”

To register your interest in gigabit speed services over the Coventry CORE visit www.coventrycore.com

Catch us if you can as net speeds hit new milestone

...and on the topic of web links

A local mum is offering the opportunity to get involved in meet-ups and support for other mums in the city through the local netmums site. Visit www.netmums.com to find out more.

Boost for needy in homes revamp

The policy for Coventry Homefinder—the system used to allocate social housing in Coventry—is to change this summer.

The policy sets out who can register, how properties are advertised and who is given priority for social housing in the city.

The changes to the policy will see nine out of 10 properties prioritised for those in the greatest housing need such as homeless families, families that are overcrowded, people who need adapted properties due to disabilities or medical conditions and those affected by the ‘bedroom tax’.

It will also provide additional priority for members/former members of the Armed Forces and their families who are living in unsuitable housing.

If you are already registered with Coventry Homefinder, you will receive a message on your Homefinder account which will explain the changes. Please log in to your account regularly to check your messages.

For more information go to www.coventryhomefinder.co.uk

Bug-free target

University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust is celebrating after reaching a major infection control milestone—a number of its wards have been “C.diff free” for over 600 days.

The Trust, which is nationally recognised for the success of its infection prevention work, has cut the number of Clostridium difficile cases in University Hospital, Coventry, and the Hospital of St Cross, Rugby by more than a third over the past five years.

The Clostridium difficile infection, which some people carry in their intestines, can cause serious illness and is of particular concern in hospitals where patients may already be unwell or frail or being treated with antibiotics.

Help the police

West Midlands Police are asking how people want to access police non-emergency services as part of a public consultation.

The Policing Today scheme is part of a year review of the force’s 41 front offices.

Members of the public have until Wednesday July 2 to give their views to West Midlands Police. The survey can be accessed via the website www.west-midlands.police.uk/policingtomorrow/

City Uni breaks into the UK’s top 30 list

Coventry University has broken into the top 30 of UK universities according to the Guardian newspaper university league table, rising six places to 27th overall and ranking ahead of nine Russell Group institutions. Following the rise of seven places in the Complete University Guide last month—the second of the major league tables published this year—sees Coventry ranked best in the UK for the percentage of final-year students satisfied with feedback and assessment by lecturers, and top in the Midlands for the percentage satisfied with teaching quality. The University is also ranked best in the county for film production and photography, and has four other subject areas ranked in the UK’s top 10—including event management (5th), nursing and midwifery (9th), social work (10th) and building and town and country planning (7th). John Latham, Vice-Chancellor of Coventry University, said: “This helps to cement Coventry’s reputation as one of the best places in the UK to study for a degree.”

Coventry University was rated ‘Modern University of the Year’ in the Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2014, published in September last year, and was the highest ranked modern university in the history of the league table.

Flame ignited

A new venue offering original therapies to city people has relocated in Coventry with the help of the City Council. The independent Flame shop at 14 City Arcade sells fair trade goods and offers classes in classes in yoga, meditation, belly dancing and Chi Kung. To find out more, check out www.mindfuluk.org, www.lomatp.org, ring 024 7655 3673, email dav@panesar.co.uk or theflame-coventry@hotmail.co.uk.

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Roll out of Telecare alarm system helps the housebound to maintain independence

New technology is set to help more people stay independent in their homes thanks to a new initiative. The Council has been using Telecare, a 24-hour specialised alarm service, since 1997. Now advances in technology mean it can support people for up to six weeks following a stay in hospital.

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Hundreds set to reach for Sky Ride

Thousands of cyclists of all ages and abilities will be taking part in the Sky Ride around the traffic-free route of Coventry’s ring road on Sunday, September 21.

Organised by British Cycling, Cycle Coventry and Coventry on the Move, the event will also feature a host of other attractions along the route.

It doesn’t matter how old you are, how old your bike is or how fast you ride. You can ride as much or as little of the three-mile route as you like.

In Broadgate there will be a Tricks and Tunes area with stunt demos from Voodoo Unicycles team, skills sessions for under 16s and the chance to try the Air Bag jump. There will also be extreme challenges, music, entertainment and competitions.

Register for your free place at www.goskyride.com/coventry where you can also find free local guided bike rides for all ages, women only Breeze rides and also free cycle training to make you more confident at cycling.

The first 1,000 to sign up will receive a free gift on the day.

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Exciting plans have been unveiled for a huge country park which could transform Coventry.

The “heritage park” would create a green oasis leading into the city, making the most of some of Coventry’s hidden treasures. The vision would see two new scenic routes into the city centre from Whitley for walkers and cyclists. It includes a ‘Godiva Riviera’ plan which would make the most of the River Sherbourne and also make the most of the city’s heritage.

The park plan involves the ongoing restoration work at the city’s medieval Charterhouse and coincides with a plan to uncover the River Sherbourne. The first stage of the project involves restoration work to Coventry’s medieval Charterhouse. A monastic wall – which dates from around 1385 – is already being repaired, but the plans will help bring the whole area back to life.

A sympathetically-designed extension may be built on to the Charterhouse to create a space for a new fine-dining restaurant and café. Ian Harrabin, of CDP Developments, which is behind the scheme, said: “The Charterhouse is right next to London Road Cemetery, which was designed by Joseph Paxton who designed Chatsworth Gardens and the Crystal Palace. I’d always known it was there, but I’d never been inside. There are beautiful Grade-1 listed churches, even a non-conformist chapel and a Jewish chapel. Nobody even knows it’s there, because nobody goes in.”

The long anticipated opening event for FarGo Village, Coventry’s ‘Camden Lock’ creative quarter, has been set for the weekend of September 27-28. The project is set to be the anchor for the long running Far Gosford Street the Council and developers CDP/Mazing.

Cllr Kevin Maton, Cabinet Member for Business, Enterprise and Employment, said: “When work started to transform Far Gosford Street a decade ago it seemed hugely ambitious. Now it’s hard to remember how rundown it was.”

FarGo village is the pivotal development in the regeneration of the Far Gosford St area which will see £30m of public and private investment in over 55 properties over a period of ten years. The project is supported by funding from the European Regional Development Fund.

The Charterhouse is next to London Road Cemetery, designed by Joseph Paxton who created Crystal Palace...

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“Clothes swap champs put thrift to good use in the fashion stakes”

Parents in Coventry have been swapping their children’s clothes at an event hosted by the Sorted project, which works to improve the financial confidence of people living in social housing. As well as holding the clothes swap, Sorted hosted demonstrations on how to adapt clothes and customise cheap everyday items like plain t-shirts.

The event, which was held at Sorted, based in Little Park Street, was open to anyone who had clothes in good condition that they wanted to swap. People who attended brought along five items of clothing and swapped them for five different garments.

The Sorted project has been set up by Coventry Citizens Advice Bureau in partnership with Groundwork West Midlands, Whitefriars Housing and other housing providers in Coventry. It aims to support Coventry residents who live in housing association homes with financial support and advice.

Sabir Zazai Sorted programme manager, explained: “At Sorted, we like nothing more than coming up with innovative ideas to save money and also the environment. We loved the idea of when we were at school and we would swap things with our friends so we decided to bring it back!”

Hanoi pedal power gives traders in Coventry a new shopfront

A quirky new business opportunity is available in Coventry City centre – pedalstalls imported from Hanoi.

The units have been completely renovated and now with 1.5 metres of covered retail space they provide the perfect answer for anyone who wants to try out a retail idea on flexible terms. The pedalstalls can be hired from as little as one day – and they are available now.

More information is available by popping into the market office or giving Brian Sexton, markets and street trading manager, a call on 024 7622 4927.
New Cabinet all set for challenge

The Leader of Coventry City Council has called on everyone in the city to step up to the challenge of helping make Coventry great again.

Speaking as a new Cabinet of councillors was approved at the Council’s annual meeting (pictured above), Cllr Ann Lucas has urged everyone to play their part during a vital year ahead for Coventry.

“I’m excited about the year ahead. I think it’s going to be a turning point for our great city, but I’m under no illusion about the size of the challenge. It’s massive…”

She said “Over the past year we have worked tirelessly to lay the foundations for sustained growth in this city – over the coming year we will up the pace relentlessly.

“We owe this to everyone who lives and works here. I’m excited about the year ahead. I think it’s going to be a turning point for our great city, but I’m under no illusion about the size of the challenge. It’s massive.”

“So, just as the Council is now stepping up to meet this challenge, I know that local people will want to do the same. Wherever you work or live, whatever your interest is in our city, you have a part to play.

“We can only meet the challenges ahead if we’re united, if we support each other, if we all step up to the plate.

“I think we’re at the beginning of a new chapter in our city’s rich history – and I hope every Coventry resident will want to join us in making our city great again.”

Leader Ann is Palace bound

As Citivision went to print, Ann was getting ready for a very special appointment at Buckingham Palace, where she was due to be awarded an OBE for her work with the national Local Government Association helping to tackle domestic violence. Her husband Ray, her daughter Claire and three of her six grandchildren were also joining her to help celebrate.
Despite the regeneration scheme at the Ring Road 6 intersection, businesses Print Works, Coventry Sewing Centre, Conquira Ltd and central1hair on Warwick Road (opposite Central 6) are trading as normal.
Council steps up campaign to bring abandoned and empty homes back into use

Coventry City Council’s new Empty Homes Policy has been given the go-ahead...

The main focus of the policy is on homes which may stand empty for a considerable amount of time and in some cases may have even been abandoned for years. The homes that fall under this category are major concerns for the Council and also for the residents in parts of the city who may live near abandoned or derelict houses and, without intervention, these houses may have never come back into use. The Council has brought more than 1,500 empty homes back into use over the last five years thanks to a crackdown on the issue, and unused houses are now less than one per cent of the city’s total.

The aim is to keep unoccupied houses in Coventry down to a minimum.

Funding secures the future of social firms

Two Coventry social enterprises have secured their futures to help those living in the city, thanks to funding from Whitefriars Housing.

Love Coventry, a re-use centre for household goods and furniture, and Bedouin Nights, a Turkish catering initiative, are the two social enterprises that have been awarded funding Whitefriars’ Social Loan scheme for budding business brains.

The two organisations faced a Dragons’ Den style panel to pitch for funding. They have received £30,000 in total — helping them get the businesses off the ground to help benefit the local communities.

The Social Loan scheme is available for people looking to start social enterprises – businesses that trade for social or environmental purposes and reinvests profits to further their social mission.

Love Coventry, run by Bill Watt, is setting up a new warehouse and website shop offering pre-used goods, as well as low-cost furniture and appliances to help tenants furnish and equip their homes at an affordable price. Bill said: “We are delighted that the initiative is going to help so many people in Coventry on a low or no income and those starting out in rented accommodation.”

Goods will be donated to Love Coventry and displayed in the re-use warehouse in Sparkbrook Street, in Hillfields, as well as on the website www.lovecov.com

Bedouin Nights, run by Aisha Aydogdu, will provide authentic Turkish catering for private and business functions.

Civic art designs net winners £25,000 prize

Winners of a £25,000 arts competition aimed at raising community spirit in areas of Coventry have been revealed.

Whitefriars Housing teamed up with Coventry University’s School of Art and Design to run the competition for students to design totem poles and tiled sculptures to be displayed across Willenhall and Willenhall Wood.

The winning designs were chosen by local residents who voted for one group’s tiled toadstool, made up of photographs and drawings collected from local people, and a toadstool totem pole, decorated with brightly coloured resin mushrooms.

The students involved in designing the winning sculptures, Mary Anna Fowler, Diana Blaga, Aiden Richardson and Molly Hyland, will now see their design built at the University and installed in Willenhall and Willenhall Wood. They will also be awarded with £1,000 of prize money on the completion of their sculptures.

This project is part of Whitefriars’ £1 million investment in the areas which aims to make it a place where people are proud to live and work.

Student paramedics star in BBC documentary

If you have seen the recent BBC show First Time on the Front Line you may have noticed two former paramedic science students from Coventry University.

The documentary series focusing on the next generation of emergency service recruits featured Sam Duplessis Grimson (22) and Maya Black (29), both graduates of the University’s foundation degree in paramedic science.

The fledgling duo were hand-picked from hundreds of highly-qualified applicants for prestigious paramedic roles with West Midlands Ambulance Service (WMAS), which serves over 5.3 million people over an area of more than 5,000 square miles in the region.

The series followed both of them as they embarked on their first shift facing the day to day challenges faced by their emergency response units.
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Councillor Hazel Noonan is Coventry’s new Lord Mayor. Hazel has served on the council since 2000, representing the Cheylesmore Ward.

Hazel was born in Coventry, spent 20 years on the family farm where she discovered a love of horses and competed in showjumping events, later becoming an amateur jockey with five wins under her belt.

During her year as Lord Mayor, Hazel’s son Christopher will be her consort. The Lord Mayor said: “I am really looking forward to welcoming visitors to the city and to sharing with them our achievements and our hopes for the future.”

Under starter’s orders
This year’s annual Coventry Lions Donkey Derby is on Saturday, August 2, at the War Memorial Park. The event starts at midday, with the first donkey race due to start at 1pm. Food and drink will be available and entertainment provided.

Union’s a better way to borrow
The city’s New Central Credit Union will move to a new site in the city centre which is expected to help boost the membership of credit unions in the city.

The credit union will move to 41 Smithford Way (opposite Debenhams) in the coming weeks. This move was made possible after receiving support from the Council.

The average loan from a Credit Union ranges from £750 to £1,000 over a two year term.

The plan is part of a co-ordinated effort to steer people away from payday loans to more effective ways of managing money and debt.

Cllr Damian Gannon, the Council’s Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources said: “Helping people get on a stable financial footing is vital and that’s why the Council is so keen to back the initiative.”

Elsewhere in the city Tile Hill Advice centre will be a collection point for the credit union. Volunteers at the centre based in St Oswald’s Church recently marked their 25th anniversary, attended by the Bishop of Coventry, Christopher Cockworth.

The Credit Union movement has been in existence for over 100 years. They are required to serve their local communities and are run by their members.

Members of credit unions put in savings and all members receive training on budgeting and managing their financial affairs.

Coventry currently has two active Credit Unions based in the city: New Central Credit Union and Coventry and District Credit Union based at the Willenhall Advice Centre.

Help shape child care
Are you interested in helping to shape child protection work in Coventry?

Coventry Safeguarding Children Board (CSCB) is recruiting a volunteer who lives in Coventry or has close links to the city to become a lay member of the board. It’s a great opportunity to help the board ensure that all of our agencies are safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

The ideal member will be able to challenge the board, may have been involved in local child safety issues and can help the board make links with local community groups.

For an application pack, contact Mohammed Ali on 024 7683 3443 or email mohammed.ali@coventry.gov.uk. To find out more, visit www.coventrylscb.org.uk. The closing date for applications is July 7.
New directions and new opportunities

We have recently opened our £6m redevelopment which has a new engineering block, three hair and beauty salons, a Life Skills centre, an Undergraduate centre and a conference centre. This is an exciting time for the College as we were recently judged Good by Ofsted and we are one of the top colleges in the West Midlands for student success rates; so pop in and see what we have to offer, you will be given a warm welcome. Whether you are a young person leaving school this year or an adult looking for a new career we have a range of full-time, part-time and higher education courses to help you achieve your goal.

Can’t afford to go to College? Think again!

If you are thinking of coming to college there are a number of loans, bursaries and funding options available. If you are 24 or over you may be eligible for a government backed 24+ Advanced Learning Loan which you will only need to start paying back when you are earning over £21,000 a year. Come and talk to our Student Services team who will advise you on the best options or visit www.henley-cov.ac.uk for details of our Tea and Talk advice sessions throughout the summer.

Find out more about apprenticeships

If you are looking to “earn while you learn” we offer apprenticeships for classroom assistants, warehousing, hospitality, engineering and much more. We currently have over 70 apprenticeship vacancies for immediate start and you can apply online at www.henley-cov.ac.uk or drop in your CV.

What is an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a paid job and you can achieve nationally recognised qualifications. As an apprentice you will be paid a minimum salary of £2.68 per hour; however, many apprentices earn significantly more. Our specialist staff will advise you throughout the apprenticeship, and will help you consider further career options.
New directions and new opportunities at Henley College

Job Shop
We have a new Job Shop, open daily between 10-3pm and our staff can help you write your CV, or assist you with your job search. You will be able to access all the Jobcentre Plus websites and you can find out about our English and Maths and Employability courses.

Therapeutix
Therapeutix is our beauty salon, offering a range of beauty, body and facial treatments in a friendly and relaxed environment. Therapeutix offers a selection of modern treatments such as manicures, facials and pamper days at discounted prices.

Headstart
Headstart is our new state-of-the-art hairdressing salon; offering various hair services including tints, cuts and colour at affordable prices. Our learners are training for nationally recognised qualifications and are supervised by professional tutors. If you would like to be kept informed of our special offers, email beauty@henley-cov.ac.uk

Henley’s Restaurant
Henley’s Restaurant and Bistro offers delicious meals freshly prepared each day at unbelievable value. Experienced chefs support our hospitality and catering students demonstrate their kitchen and front-of-house skills ensuring that guests enjoy a contemporary and elegant dining experience. To book a table at Henley’s restaurant just email henleysrestaurant@henley-cov.ac.uk

Fitness Centre
We have a newly refurbished fitness centre equipped with top of the range Cybex machines which is open daily from 12.15-7.30pm Monday-Thursday and Friday 12.15-4.30pm. You can join for just £10.00 per month or £5.00 if you have a Passport to Leisure and Learning. Contact the College on 02476 626418 for a personal consultation.
In Coventry you have three wheelie bins for your waste. Please make sure you know what goes in each bin. If the contents of the bin includes the wrong items, we are unable to recycle or compost any of it.

**General household waste**

- Yes please
  - Any general household waste which cannot be recycled in your blue lidded bin. This includes food, nappies, plastic bags and film and polystyrene.

- No thanks
  - Soil, stone, rubble, building materials
  - Needles and syringes

Please bag all waste in this bin.

**Garden waste**

- Yes please
  - Grass cuttings
  - Hedge clippings
  - Garden prunings
  - Twigs and small branches
  - Weeds and plants
  - Dead flowers / house plants
  - Leaves and bark

- No thanks
  - Household and kitchen waste
  - Soil / stone / rubble
  - Turf and ash
  - Pet bedding / straw
  - Dog and cat faeces
  - Plant pots and plastic bags
  - Large branches and wood
  - Cardboard

Don’t put your garden waste in bags, put it loose in your bin.

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**Community recycling champions**

Passionate about the environment

If you would like to volunteer as **Community Recycling Champion** and support and encourage your friends and neighbours, reuse and recycle their waste we would like to hear from you.

You don't have to be an expert. We'll give you all the training you need so you can share your new knowledge.

The first training course will take place on 16 July between 10:00am and 1:00pm at The Ricoh Arena.

Coventry City Council

For details please contact: Beverly Lennox, Recycling Champion, Coventry City Council on 024 7683 3945 or e-mail: RecyclingChampions@coventry.gov.uk Alternatively visit www.coventry.gov.uk/communityrecyclingchampions
Your guide to what goes in your bins...

Recycling

✓ Yes please
- Steel/aluminium cans and tubs
- Plastic food trays, pots and tubs
- Cardboard boxes and packaging
- Newspapers, magazines
- Envelopes, junk mail, shredded paper
- Yoghurt and margarine tubs
- Plastic bottles
- Tetra pkas
- Aerosol cans
- Glass bottles / jars

✗ No thanks
- Plastic bags or plastic film
- Textiles - clothes
- Food waste
- Nappies
- Polystyrene, bubble wrap, wrapping paper
- Hard rigid plastics like plastic toys
- Cat / dog food pouches
- Plate glass / pyrex / mirror / crockery
- Needles and syringes

Please make sure you rinse and squash your recyclables. Don’t bag the items before putting them in your blue lidded bin. Just place them loose in the bin.

Remember

Your bin must be out for 7am on your collection day. Once your bin has been collected please move it back in as soon as possible.

If you have larger items to get rid of such as televisions, furniture, fridges or mattresses you can take these free of charge to the tip on London Road. If you are using a van or trailer this will need to be booked in advance. Alternatively we can collect these items for a small fee – please call Coventry Direct on 0500 834 333.

Coventry City Council’s team of Recycling Champions provide practical advice and support to improve recycling, composting and waste minimisation at home and in the community. If you have any questions or you would like the team to talk to your group or school, please contact us at RecyclingChampions@coventry.gov.uk or call 02476 833 945.

For more information on waste and recycling please go to www.coventry.gov.uk/recycling.

Would you like to find out more about composting and help pass on the message to others?

Coventry City Council and Garden Organic are recruiting volunteers to help get Coventry composting by becoming Master Composters.

Master Composters are volunteers who support and encourage others in their community to compost.

Anyone can be a Master Composter, you don’t have to be an expert as we will give you all the training you will need. We will support you as you spread the word by talking to local groups, attending events and encouraging family and friends to take up the challenge!

Training is free, and covers the basic elements of home composting. The first training course will take place on Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 June 2014 at Garden Organic’s Ryton Gardens. Refreshments will be provided and you will need to attend both days.

To find out more about joining the scheme...

Please Contact Kate Newman;
Home Composting Project Coordinator at Garden Organic
E: knewman@gardenorganic.org.uk
T: 024 7621 7721
www.homecomposting.org.uk
Making more of your city

We’ve won £43 million to spend on our roads

It’s European and Government money that needs to be spent by spring 2015

Delays likely inevitable

There WILL be delays and disruption so allow more time for your journey

Council House Street
High Street and Ring Road Junction
Whitley Bridge
Hospital Junction
Warwick University
Cycle Coventry
Street lighting replacement
Under Construction
Then there’s the Highways Agency working on Tollbar Island until 2016.

It will be worth it, because it will mean:
- fewer queues
- safer routes
- more reliable public transport
- cycle lanes connecting people to places of work

Cameras watching out for hold-ups and helping to keep you moving.

Thank you for your patience.

Spring 2015

WELCOME TO COVENTRY

Cycle routes 20 miles
Pedestrian crossings 41

For more details visit www.coventry.gov.uk/yourcity
Follow us @coventrycc
Looking for a fun, free and educational way to keep the kids entertained over the summer holidays? Then your local library has just the thing, with the Mythical Maze Summer Reading Challenge 2014. Children can read less during the school holidays, and the aim is to make sure their reading skills are maintained during the break.

The challenge is for kids up to the age of 11 and the aim is to read six books over the six-week break and it's free. The challenge begins on Saturday July 12 and runs to early September. For more information, visit www.readingagency.org.uk/summerreadingchallenge or follow us on Twitter at @ReadingAgency for all upcoming events. You can also ‘like’ us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SummerReadingChallengeUK.

To commemorate the start of First World War which began 100 years ago exactly, Coventry Libraries have picked out some books to remember the great war. Written by names such as Ben Elton and Jeremy Paxman, these books will certainly stir the emotions. You can reserve any of the World War One related books at any Coventry libraries or online at www.coventry.gov.uk. And don’t forget to share your love of books at www.facebook.com/coventryreads.

The British Sports Book Awards 2014 has numerous shortlisted titles from various sports and with the World Cup looming now is as good a time as ever to read a sporting book. Whether it’s a footballer who is current or old, or anything from rugby to snooker the libraries will have it all this summer. More information on what is shortlisted at www.britishsportsbookawards.co.uk.

Coventry Libraries have been working alongside Poetry on Loan to give people a taste of the poetry to be enjoyed throughout the year. From June 2014 to April 2015, local library visitors will be able to collect a poetry postcard with the theme home-grown and home-made.

This summer the opportunity is there for young people to volunteer in libraries for a few hours to support the Summer Reading Challenge. It’s a great chance to get some experience on their CVs. The work is varied and more information can be found at www.coventry.gov.uk/src or call 024 7683 2552.

Nearly 50 events will run as part of the Literally Coventry Book Festival from June 23 to 28 in schools, libraries and in venues including Warwick Arts Centre, the Belgrade Theatre and Waterstones. It will see authors including Dame Jacqueline Wilson and Francesca Simon honoured. For details, visit www.literallycoventry2014.eventbrite.co.uk.
Celebrating Coventry’s culture and heritage

11-14 September 2014

For further information call 024 7683 2479 or visit www.coventry.gov.uk/hod

Supported nationally by English Heritage
Coventry on the move delivered a Rush Hour Challenge, to discover what the quickest form of transport to get to the War Memorial Park from the City Centre was.

Over 20 people participated in the challenge, on foot, by car, bicycle and even a scooter and rollerblades.

Naomi Brook, from the Coventry on the Move team, took part in the challenge by walking to the park from the Council House steps.

She said: “This challenge was about having fun but also showing how easy it is to include being active in your daily lives. Coventry is one of the least active areas in the country and as a result people are dying before they need to – let’s see if we can change this!”

A cyclist managed the journey in just seven minutes. By car, it took 16 minutes – only slightly faster than a couple of walkers and nervous roller-bladers.

By parking a mile away from the city centre for free, around £1,000 a year could be saved based on average car park costs and fuel consumption.

To find out more about this challenge, set your own one up, or for more ideas on how to be active in and around the workplace, contact the Coventry on the Move Team on 7683 3397 or email publichealth@coventry.gov.uk or follow on Twitter at @covonthemove

Play street
The Play Streets Project will be launched in Coventry in the coming weeks, but in the meantime why not apply? The scheme is inviting people to apply for a temporary play street road closure order, which will allow a group of residents to close a road on a regular or scheduled basis without the danger and inconvenience of traffic. This makes the street safer and allows children to play freely without worry. Applications can be sought at www.coventry.gov.uk/playstreets and the project is part of Coventry on the Move, which is a wider initiative to get Coventry more active.

Dementia is arguably the biggest health crisis facing the UK. There are currently approximately 670,000 people in England who have dementia, with one in three of us over 65 developing the disease.

Anyone can become a Dementia Friend online or by attending a one hour information session. Dementia Friends are not volunteers or befrienders, but are people who have taken the time at the session to learn about dementia and the small things that can be done to enable people with dementia to live well. Visit www.dementiafriends.org.uk to find out more.
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Can you be a dementia friend?

40-plus Health Checks a success

A drive to get more people aged from 40-74 visiting their Gp for a health check has been successful.

The health check assesses a person’s risk of developing a number of health problems such as heart disease, diabetes, stroke and dementia and aims to prevent such problems through early identification and intervention.

Around 3.5 per cent of those that had a health check have been found to have either diabetes, cardiovascular disease or an irregular heart rate, with hundreds more receiving advice on how to reduce their risk of developing life-changing conditions.

If you are aged from 40-74 and would like a health check, contact your local GP to book an appointment.

Fit for the Festival

Cycle Coventry has teamed up with Centro to provide supervised cycle parking by the Visitors centre during the festival. It’s easy to use; just bring your bike and a lock it up.

‘Dr Bike’ will also be there on Saturday and Sunday and can give your bike a free check and provide advice on cycle training. You’ll also be able make a smoothie with pedal power in the Health Village.

Child safety week

Child Safety Week runs from the June 23-29, with the focus on Morning Mayhem and all of the problems that can be caused during the morning rush.

With a whole host of potential hazards around, small safety changes from Safety Heroes including Mums, Dads and carers can make a world of difference. For more information visit www.childsafetyweek.org.uk/parents

Top performer

The Improving Access to Psychological Therapy (IAPT) service delivered by Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust has been recognised as a top performing local NHS service.

Areas highlighted included the improved access to psychological therapies; the number of people who recover after treatment; and waiting times for therapy. The IAPT self-referral service offers a range of psychological therapies for people experiencing mental health issues such as depression and low mood, panic attacks, anxiety, stress and phobias.

Local people can phone up to book an appointment and talk about their concerns with a therapist, on 0845 521 6100 (Monday to Friday 9am – 4.30pm, excluding Bank Holidays) or visit www.cowwarkpt.nhs.uk/iapt

Don’t panic!

A series of free self-help audio therapies are now available to download via an app or direct from a web-platform.

Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust has launched the set of six titles designed to support people to deal with: stress; panic attacks; anger; negative thinking; worry and social anxiety.

Dr Dan Barnard, Consultant Clinical Psychologist at Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust, said: “We recognise that people deal with difficulties in all sorts of ways.

“Talking to GPs, and listening to feedback from our patients, we identified the need for an up-to-date solution based on cognitive-behavioural therapy (CBT) which has been well proven to work and that would allow anyone to gain access to this, in a way that suits their lifestyle.

“We now have six titles available to listen to directly from the website or to download the app directly to a mobile phone, for people to use at a time that’s most convenient to them in a discreet manner as often as necessary.”

GP’s will signpost patients to the resource and provide further advice. The app is currently available on an iPhone and Android platforms and there is also a purpose-built website.

For more information, please discuss with your GP or go to the App Store for iPhone or Google Play Store for Android phones or visit www.cowwarkpt.nhs.uk/dont_panic

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From Wyken to the Western Front, a city remembers 1914-18

Events are being held across the city to mark the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War and remember those who worked, served and lost their lives from 1914-18.

Events will range from official civic services to opportunities for schoolchildren to play a part and for everyone in Coventry to remember family members and others who gave so much.

The city's War Memorial Park is a lasting tribute to the memory of those who served, and the Council and Friends of War Memorial Park have several events planned to help the city commemorate the 100th anniversary.

On August 9, Theatre Absolute are staging the powerful play Powder at the Visitor Centre, which tells the story of a Coventry female worker during the war years, and people will have the chance to add some of their own stitches to some very special embroidery.

Many of the events will encourage children to play a part and on August 10, children will be invited to help create a piece of work on remembrance that will remain in the Visitor Centre.

Lord Mayor Councillor Hazel Noonan said: “We have an important year ahead with a number of commemorative events planned to remember the start of World War I 100 years ago. This will be a time for Coventry to reflect and remember those that gave so much.”

Council leader Cllr Ann Lucas said: “Coventry’s international reputation as a city of peace and reconciliation means our commemorative events have an added poignancy and meaning.

“I know that Coventry people will want to make sure that we never forget those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. This city will never forget the debt we owe them all.”

In November, secondary school pupils will be given the chance to experience what life was like in the trenches. And everyone in the city will be welcome to attend the annual Remembrance Day service at the Park that will have even more significance this year in the 100th anniversary.

The race is on to bring a rare piece of WW1 engineering back to life, in time for the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of Great War.

Friends of Coventry Transport Museum have set up a Just Giving page to raise £5,000 to put the finishing touches to the restoration of a unique Coventry-built 1916 Maudsley lorry, thought to be the only remaining example in the world.

The plan is for the vehicle to form part of a number of WW1 commemorations. To make a donation, visit www.justgiving.com/Culture-Coventry or text MAUD98 £5 to 70070 to make a £5 donation. Cheques can be paid to Culture Coventry c/o the Maudsley Lorry Appeal, Coventry Transport Museum, Millennium Place, Coventry, CV1 1JD.

Both the BBC locally and Coventry Telegraph are also marking the year with interviews and film footage; the Coventry Telegraph is reprinting its original Christmas supplement from December 1914 which includes a roll call of the thousands who volunteered to serve their country.

Full details of these and other events will be released as they are announced – watch out for details in the local press and at www.coventry.gov.uk/coventry commemorates.
Let’s Ride Coventry
Sunday 21 Sep
Broadgate 11am – 3pm
Ride Coventry on traffic free streets. Sign up at goskyride.com
Let us entertain you...

This year’s Friday headliners are legendary punk pop band Buzzcocks, who have been a well-established name on the live circuit for a number of years.

Coventry ska maestros The Selecter will also be playing the main stage and are sure to be popular with the home crowd. As a special treat for rock fans, Friday night also hosts a rock tent with Kids in Glass Houses and Baby Godzilla bringing their special brand of heavy rock to the crowds. On Saturday, British indie legends Happy Mondays headline a strong line-up which also includes We Are Scientists, Dan le Sac v Scroobius Pip as well as a selection of major urban acts like Fuse ODG and Krept and Konan. Sunday headliners are Liverpool band Lightning Seeds who will close the festival. Other artists include MOBO nominee Sandra Godley, Coventry Schools Young Entertainers and The Mariachi Band, best known for their humorous adverts for a well-known crisp snack!

Litter pickers on patrol!

Council staff and volunteers will be out in force keeping the park itself and surrounding streets litter free. Help them by making sure you dispose of rubbish properly and take pride in the city’s premier park.

Never mind, it’s the Buzzcocks!

Top names lined up for Godiva extravaganza

The UK’s biggest free family festival returns to the city’s War Memorial Park over the weekend of July 4-6.

Coventry Godiva Festival is now in its 16th year and firmly established on the region’s events calendar. And this year some big names have been added to the bill to maintain the festival’s excellent reputation and attract people to Coventry. Councillor Abdul Khan, Cabinet Member with responsibility for events, said: “We are very keen that the festival not only attracts the usual great support from the Coventry public but people come into the city from further afield to bring extra economic benefit to the city and its businesses.”

As ever the festival combines top quality national names and attractions alongside celebrating and providing a platform for some of the best local talent. There’s too many Coventry performers to list but there’ll be a ‘Specials-themed’ offer with Coventry ska legends Roddy Radiation, Neville Staple, Horace Panter and The Selecter all playing the festival. It’s also important that the festival provides the time and space for schools and local dance and theatre groups to enjoy their moment in the spotlight. On the same theme, this year’s Godiva Calling competition also gives eight lucky local bands the opportunity to play slots at the prestigious event!

Providing a safe and enjoyable festival

To help ensure everyone has an enjoyable festival, please be aware of the conditions of entry:

- Do not bring alcohol to the festival
- A section of the festival will be fenced and patrons will be subject to searches as a condition of entry.
- Those found in possession of drugs or weapons will be reported to the police and will face exclusion and arrest.
- Anyone appearing drunk or likely to cause crime or disorder will be refused entry.
- Responsible dog owners are welcome. Please keep dogs on leads, out of tents and ensure you clean up after your dog.
- Coventry City Council and their representatives reserve the right to refuse entry.

How to stay on the ball...

To keep up to date with all the latest news, band announcements and information, go to www.coventrygodivafestival.com

www.facebook.com/godivafestival
twitter.com/godivafestival

Want to know everything else going on in the area? Scan the QR code (right) to download the Coventry and Warwickshire App for free or visit the App Store and Google play.

Friday: BUZZCOCKS
Buzzcocks have been going strong for an incredible 38 years and have enjoyed a string of hit songs including Ever Fallen in Love (With Someone You Shouldn’t’ve), Promises and Harmony in My Head.

Saturday: HAPPY MONDAYS
Happy Mondays have gone through a variety of incarnations over the years, but they’ll be rocking the Coventry Godiva Festival 2014 with the original line-up. Formed in 1980, the band will be playing some of their best known anthems.

Sunday: LIGHTNING SEEDS
Indie-rockers Lightning Seeds are a well-established band who have been gigging since the 90s and enjoyed a string of hits including the 1996 hit Three Lions on the Shirt. Fronted and formed by Ian Broudie, they have had 12 top 20 UK hits.
jazzcocks!

As the largest free family festival in the UK, it is important that we do all we can for families to enjoy themselves. We will be running our childsafe wristband scheme again this year. Be sure to collect your orange wristband upon entry to the main music field and write your contact number on the wristband so should your child become lost, one of our stewards can ring the mobile number you have written down, thus reducing your stress and the time you and your child are apart. The wristbands will also be available in the Family Field at Coventry City Council’s Information Tent, or just ask any steward in that field and they will have a supply.

Family Field attractions

As ever the Family Field plays host to a wide range of family entertainment over the weekend, guaranteed to keep adults and children entertained and amused. This year you’ll be able to visit the ‘Make Space’ tent brought to you by IKEA, which will have lots of fantastic ideas on creating art and crafts using recyclable materials. Visitors can also enjoy IKEA’s ‘The Wonderful Everyday’. Due to popular demand, the petting farm will be there Saturday and Sunday this year, providing the chance for visitors to see farm animals and learn about animal husbandry whilst stroking and holding farm animals such as goats, sheep and pigs.

The Lives and Times and Greenspace tents also return showcasing a range of local and regional hobbies, attractions and demonstrations, plus a Community Circus and an inflatables area. Vintage@godiva will also be there selling vintage fashions and clothing to provide some of the individual and one-off items you can’t get on the high street. Comedy is also a popular part of the festival and Careys have delivered a packed line up of comedians to keep crowds amused on the Friday night.

How to get there...

**BUS:** This year the regular bus service, which runs from the War Memorial Park into the city centre (number X16/X17 and U17 on Sunday), will run for all three days. This service also goes to Kenilworth and Warwick, helping visitors to have easy access to the event from these Warwickshire towns.

**CYCLE:** Cycle Coventry has teamed up with Centro to provide supervised cycle parking by the park’s Visitor Centre. This will be available:
- Friday 5.30pm-11pm
- Saturday 11am-11pm
- Sunday 11am-8pm

It’s easy to use, just bring your bike and lock it up. Dr Bike will also be there on Saturday and Sunday and can give your bike a free check and provide advice on cycle training. You can find out more about free Sky Rides in the health village and make a smoothie with pedal power. The Council’s Cycle Trainers will also be running fun activities for kids on Saturday and Sunday on the Family Field near the Visitors Centre between 12noon-4pm.

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

**CAR PARKING:**
- There is FREE car parking for up to 2,000 vehicles on the festival site with the entrance off Leamington Road. Please follow the festival car park signage.
- The Park and Ride South car park will NOT be open to the public.
- There will be an additional 200 space car parking facility in the Virgin Trains Car Park on Warwick Road, entrance off the Central Six roundabout (Saturday & Sunday only, charges apply).

*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.*
Let’s make the most of sunshine

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

JUNE

**Until August 31** – **Roman Empire: Power & People**, the Herbert Art Gallery & Museum. The largest UK exhibition of Roman artefacts, on loan from the British Museum, brings together over 160 stunning pieces to explore the story of one of the most powerful empires the world has ever seen. Highlights include sculpture from the villas of the Emperors Tiberius and Hadrian, coins from the Hoxne treasure, beautiful jewellery and even preserved children’s clothing from Roman Egypt. The exhibition also features rich material from collections in the Midlands, piecing together the story of local people and places under Roman rule. The exhibition is full of fun, hands-on activities for children of all ages, from Romanopoly to dressing up, and there are a wealth of extra events and activities throughout the run of the exhibition. Great savings can be made by booking online in advance at www.theherbert.org (£5 adults, £2.50 5-17 year olds, under 5s free).

15 – **Let’s Ride Coventry**, Coventry Transport Museum start (9am, challenging). Sky Ride free guided rides continue through the summer at venues around the city, leading up to the big Sky Ride in the city centre on September 21. To sign up for a ride and details of Breeze rides for women, visit www.goskyride.com/coventry. For more cycling events and free cycle training and maintenance classes, visit www.coventry.gov.uk/cycling

18 – **Let’s Ride Coventry**, Longford Park (6pm, easy). See details above.

22 – **Let’s Ride Coventry**, Coombe Abbey and Countryside (10am, steady). See details above.

22 (See also June 29 and July 19) – **Great British Tennis Weekends**, Warwick University Tennis Centre (9.30am-12.30pm). The Lawn Tennis Association is supporting parks and clubs

**DON’T FORGET:** Coventry’s Heritage Open Days celebrate its 20th Anniversary this year and promises to be the biggest and best yet, including tours, access to places not usually open to the public and more. It’s a great place to discover the area’s heritage. See the website www.coventry.gov.uk/hod for further information

If you’re an event you’d like listed, contact Citivision, Room 27, The Council House, Earl Street, Coventry CV1 5RR or e-mail communications@coventry.gov.uk
Throughout the UK to open their doors as part of Great British Tennis Weekends, where tennis can be played for free. Among the activities available to try are cardio tennis, mini tennis and normal tennis.

25 – Let’s Ride Coventry, Kenilworth Greenway (Xcel, 6pm, steady). See details above.

29 – Let’s Ride Coventry Coventry Countryside (Alan Higgs, 9am, challenging). See details above.

29 – Great British Tennis Weekends, Beechwood Lawn Tennis Club (9.30am-1.30pm). Try you hand at tennis for free. For more information, visit www.greatbritishtennisweekend.com.

JULY


5-6 – Godiva Festival, War Memorial Park. Radio Plus, Coventry’s newest radio station, will host the community stage in the family field at this year’s Festival. In association with Coventry City Council and the Coventry Music Museum, the stage programme will include a mix of local bands and performances from city-wide community groups. Tim Coleman, Radio Plus Station Manager said: “12.6 per cent of 16-35 year olds in Coventry listened to Radio Plus in the last month, so Radio Plus is gaining momentum and we’re excited about running the community stage again this year. The support of the Coventry Music Museum will also see Two-Tone musical influences on the stage. As a community radio station for Coventry, we’ll be out and about at local events right across the summer season.” You can listen to Radio Plus on 101.5FM or via www.radioplus.org.uk

6 – Let’s Ride Coventry, Coventry Canal, Moat House (10am, steady). See details above.

9 – Let’s Ride Coventry, Jubilee to Jodphurs (Joseph Cash, 6pm, steady). See details above.


13 – Let’s Ride Coventry, Coombe Abbey and Countryside (10am, steady). See details above.

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19 (Until 26) – Belgrade Unplugged, Belgrade Theatre Restaurant (1pm). This opening event offers audiences a taster of what the Belgrade Theatre will be producing in the autumn with free stripped-back snippets of forthcoming productions. Tickets must be booked in advance. For more information, visit www.belgrade.co.uk/event/belgrade-unplugged-2014


20 – Let’s Ride Coventry, Centre of England, P&R South (9am, steady). See details above.

21 – Belgrade Unplugged, the Establishment Bar & Grill, Coventry (5.30pm). The Establishment is an exciting and unique location to watch the second preview of forthcoming Belgrade Theatre productions. Special offers available on food. See above for contact details.


23 – Let’s Ride Coventry, War Memorial Park (6pm, easy). See details above.

26 – Belgrade Unplugged, The Lunt Roman Fort, Baginton (7.30pm). This location provides the perfect backdrop for the final readings of Belgrade Unplugged. See above for contact details.

27 – Let’s Ride Coventry, Longford Park (10am, easy). See details above.

30 – Bugs on Bushes, Coombe Country Park (10am-noon and 1-3pm). Hunting for mini-beasts in the park. £3pp for families. Under 2s free.

30 – Let’s Ride Coventry, Coventry Countryside (Alan Higgs, 6pm, challenging). See details above.

30 (Until August 1) – Radio Plus summer event, Sport in the Park, Edgwick Park, Foleshill.

AUGUST

3 – Let’s Ride Coventry, Trains, Planes and Automobiles, P&R South (2pm, steady). See above for details.

4 – Tree Trail, Coombe Country Park (10am-5pm). £2 per activity pack for families.

4-8 – Spark in the Park, War Memorial Park (1.30-4.30pm). Free family event organised by volunteers from Christian Churches in the city. Bouncy castles, face painting, sport, songs, Bible stories.

6 – Bushcraft for beginners, Coombe Country Park (10am-noon). Shelter building in the woods. £2.50pp. Family event.

6 – Bushcraft for beginners, Coombe Country Park (1-3pm). Firelighting in the woods. £2.50pp. Not suitable for children under 5.

7 – Crafty Creatures, Coombe Country Park (10-10.45am and 11-11.45am). Peg and Stick animals. £2.50pp. Suitable for families. Under 2s free.

10 – Let’s Ride Coventry, War Memorial Park (10am, easy). See above for details.


12 – Environmental Art Workshop, Coombe Country Park (10am-2pm). Learn to make some natural sculptures for your own garden such as amazing willow dragonflies. £15pp, 10 years+ with adult support.

12 – Picture perfect, Coombe Country Park (10am-noon and 1-3pm). Childrens art in the park and picture frames. £2.50pp. Over 5s under 2s free.

17 – Let’s Ride Coventry Coventry Countryside (Alan Higgs, 9am, challenging). See above for details.


20 – Birds and Bees, Coombe Country Park (10am-noon). Make habitat homes and feeders for our winged friends as they prepare for the cooler seasons ahead. £2.50pp. Suitable for families. Under 2s free.

31 – Let’s Ride Coventry, Kenilworth Greenway (Xcel, 10am, steady). See above for details.

SEPTEMBER

7 – Let’s Ride Coventry, Jubilee to Jodphurs (Joseph Cash, 2pm, steady). See above for details.

13 – Walsgrave Fete, Walsgrave Primary School, Schoolhouse Lane, Walsgrave (Noon-4pm). To book a stall, contact Edna on 024 7661 4659.

14 – Let’s Ride Coventry, War Memorial Park (10am, easy). See above for details.

21 – Sky Ride Coventry, Broadgate (11am, easy). See above for details.

28 – Let’s Ride Coventry, Longford Park (2pm, easy). See above for details.
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Cllr Michael Hammon

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