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● A personal message from Cllr Ann Lucas OBE, Leader, Coventry City Council.

Marking 75 years since the Blitz

Next month we will be marking 75 years since the Blitz, a terrible night which we will never forget.

Among the events planned will be a human chain, a symbolic act of solidarity formed by hundreds of people.

It will be a poignant moment and will help us all to remember the night of the Blitz and the days that followed when Coventry experienced the horrors of war and began to make sense of the devastation that hit the city.

We hope that people of all ages participate and will use the anniversary to look ahead to the future with hope.

In this edition of *Citivision* we have highlighted the ongoing regeneration across the city: new restaurants in the city centre; the start of building work at Friargate next to the station; and the newly refurbished Richard Lee Primary School, which so many people have worked tirelessly to make happen.

We have also highlighted news of eight new special constables - all Coventry University students and who have all signed up to spend a year working with Coventry Police as part of their degree courses. It's a great project and one which will benefit everyone involved.

At the same time the Council has signed up to new standards to tackle domestic violence. This brings the police and local authorities closer together and is an important way to make sure this is a top priority for us all.

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A personal message from Ken Sloan, chair of the Coventry Partnership...

Over the past year, as Chair of the Coventry Partnership, I have been both humbled and impressed by the number of partners I've seen who are engaged in activities to improve life in the city. I have learnt a huge amount and met some wonderful people who are - like me - proud of Coventry and have led many physical changes and improvements.

In this issue of *Citivision* we are marking two significant anniversaries for Coventry: 75 years since the Blitz, and the 50th anniversary of the University of Warwick. Both these events reflect Coventry's resilience and determination, and the messages of global peace, reconciliation and reinvention that we can all be proud to communicate.

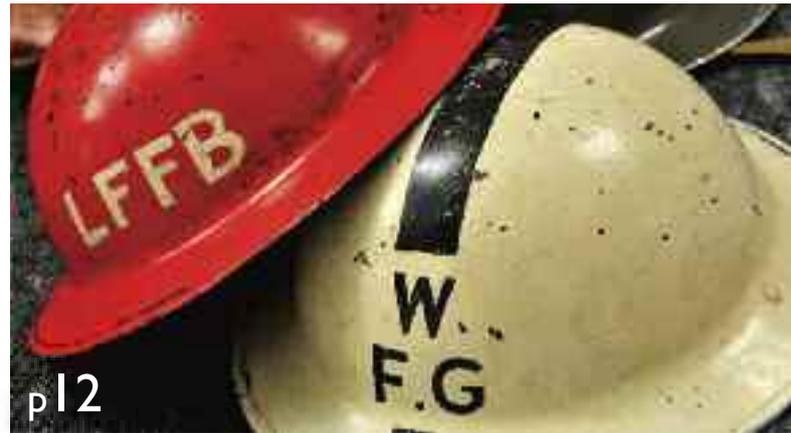


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Greener city gets gold award

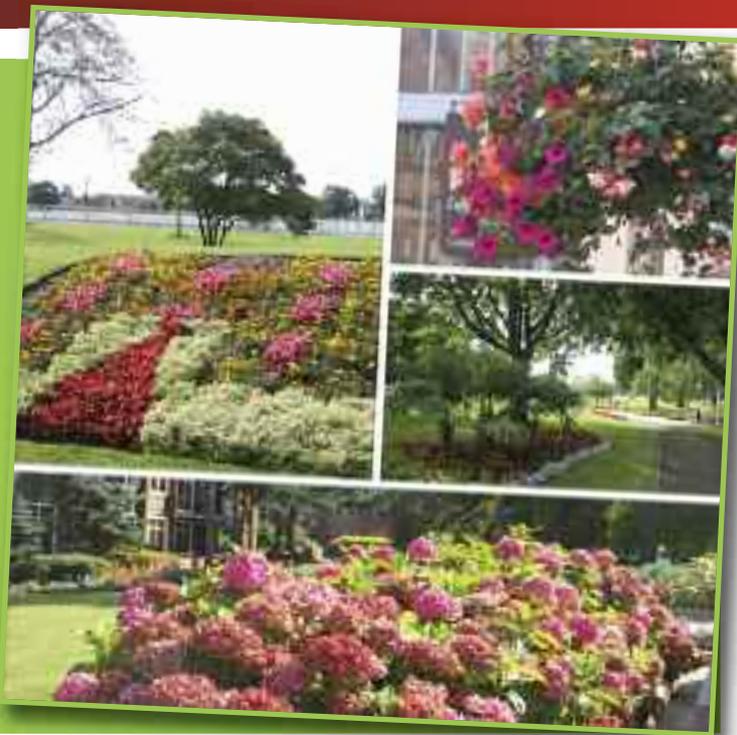
Coventry city centre has won a gold award and has been crowned overall winner in the city centre category at the Heart of England in Bloom Awards.

Heart of England in Bloom judges were shown the newly re-developed Coventry Transport Museum, the university grounds, Lady Herbert Gardens and took an in-depth look into the Junction 6 improvements.

Cllr Faye Abbott, Cabinet Member for Community

Development, Co-Operative and Social Enterprise said: "I am so proud of the work the staff have put into this project - maintaining the city centre to such a high standard on a daily basis is hard work - and this recognition is well deserved for all involved."

Judges said that Greyfriars Green was maintained to a high horticultural standard and added that the development near the railway station really stole the show.



Free advice offers debt solution

Coventry Independent Advice Service is now delivering free and confidential advice from community venues across Coventry.

After a merger of advice services previously delivered by Willenhall Advice Centre, Wood End Advice and Information Centre and Holbrooks Community Care Association, the charity now provides free advice on debt and benefit issues in neighbourhoods across the city.

Advice is delivered on a 'drop-in' basis. For full details visit www.covadvice.org.uk The service is supported by a grant from Coventry City Council and venues provided by local children's centres, libraries and community centres.

Service Director, Alan Markey, said: "As welfare reform continues the availability of accessible and free advice, delivered where people need help, becomes ever more important."

Foodbank vouchers on rise

More foodbank vouchers in Coventry are being issued mainly because people can't afford to live on the benefits or wages they get, a Citizens Advice study has found.

More than 80 foodbank vouchers a month are being issued compared to 61 in January.

The report commended local advice agencies, the City Council and Jobcentre Plus for the positive impact of collaborative action taken to mitigate the need for 'food charity'. More work will need to continue with the advent of universal credit.

Tough decision on council tax support

Coventry City Council is consulting on the best way to continue to help people in need of council tax support.

The Council needs to change the current system because of growing financial pressure from government grant cutbacks, which is set to get even more severe in 2016/17.

'We face more severe cuts in our budget from central government over the coming years, we have to make savings. The alternative is to cut back other services even further.'

Council tax support is a means tested discount to help low income households with the cost of council tax payments. The Council awarded

over £27.6million in council tax support in 2014/15 to about 33,500 households in the city.

But with less cash from the government to fund this scheme, the Council has to save £2.4million in 2016/17 and so the level of support has to be cut.

Pensioners are protected from

any cuts and will continue to receive support, but there are about 20,650 households in the city with working age people who will

be affected.

A consultation process is underway.

Cllr Damian Gannon, Cabinet Member Strategic Finance and Resources, said: "We face more severe cuts in our budget from central government over the coming years, we have to make savings. The alternative is to cut back other services even further."

Any changes will be made in April 2016.

For more details visit www.coventry.gov.uk/counciltaxsupport by Monday 26 October.

Tidy streets call

New students arriving in Coventry are being encouraged to play their part and manage the way they use their wheelie bins.

Young people starting at the universities in the city are being reminded that they have three wheelie bins: a blue lidded bin (for recycling), a green lidded bin (for general waste) and for garden and produce compostable garden waste, a brown lidded bin.

Students are being asked to remember to remove their bin from the street after it has been collected and that waste placed outside the wheelie bin won't be collected and may be classed as fly tipping.

Collection days for properties in the city are listed on www.coventry.gov.uk/bins

Coventry in the running for 'University of the Year' award

Coventry University has been shortlisted for the 'University of the Year' in the Times Higher Education magazine's prestigious annual awards.

The University is the only institution in the West Midlands – and the only modern university – to have been nominated for the award, and is on the shortlist alongside five other universities from across the UK.

Winners will be announced in November.

Coventry is already the reigning 'Modern University of the Year' in the Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide, a title it has held for three consecutive years.

Friargate revamp to kickstart jobs growth



■ **Morgan Emslie and Council Leader Ann Lucas pitch in with building work at the Railway Station.**

Work on a new office block that will be the first building making up the three million sq ft Friargate scheme is underway.

To mark the beginning of building work Coventry City Council employee, 21-year-old Morgan Emslie, helped Council Leader Cllr Ann Lucas break the ground on the scheme which will revitalise the area around the railway station. They joined development partners Friargate Coventry LLP.

'Seeing work get underway is fantastic – not just for the Council but for the city. Friargate is set to create over 15,000 new jobs and further transform the area.'

Designed by internationally renowned architects Allies and Morrison, the striking 13 storey,



red brick office block will be available for occupation in 2017. Cllr Lucas said: "Seeing work get underway is fantastic – not just for the Council but for the city. Friargate is set to create over 15,000 new jobs and further transform the area around the station." Spanning 37 acres, the city's new business district will include offices, two hotels, homes and new public spaces. For more details on the Friargate regeneration scheme visit: www.friargatecoventry.co.uk

Warm welcome for restaurant trio

Three new restaurants have opened up in Coventry city centre. Las Iguanas, Wagamama and The Cosy Club, have all set up home in Cathedral Lanes and are already stirring up interest from city centre visitors. Las Iguanas offers Latin American-style food including regional Brazilian curries and classic Mexican dishes like fajitas and enchiladas while Wagamama offers pan-Asian and Japanese style dishes.

The Cosy Club bills itself as "gents club meets village hall meets cricket pavilion", and serves up comfort food classics as well as offering an extensive brunch menu, a host of sandwiches and panini's and a great selection of tapas. If you're planning a visit to one of the new eateries, you can also take advantage of FREE parking after 6pm in Salt Lane car park, just a couple of minutes' walk from Cathedral Lanes.



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Radio station's in tune after ultra-fast internet upgrade

A community radio station in Coventry is now hitting the airwaves at ultra-fast internet speeds after connecting to the Coventry CORE.

Radio Plus has become the latest organisation to connect to the Coventry CORE, the gigabit speed fibre network that is rapidly upgrading the capabilities of businesses throughout the city.

The station, which broadcasts 24/7 to over 13,000 listeners, says the connection is already transforming operations from its city centre base in Hertford Place.

Radio Plus moved there in 2013 with the aim of maximising the 8,000 sq ft space by creating a hub for small independent businesses to be housed alongside the station.

Radio Plus successfully applied for a grant towards the cost of connecting to the Coventry CORE from the government's SuperConnected Cities voucher scheme and gained access to the network through local internet service provider HBT

Communications. Station manager Tim Coleman said: "The Coventry CORE has been transformational for us and for the businesses we support."

The Coventry CORE is making the city one of the most digitally advanced

Gig Up Coventry

locations in the UK by providing ultra-fast internet speeds up to 100 times faster than the UK average.

For details visit www.coventryCORE.com

Coventry CORE purchased Coventry's 140km metro fibre network as part of a strategic partnership with Coventry City Council.



Radio Plus presenter Tim Coleman kicks off his morning show with centre Brett Marshall from Coventry CORE and right Zamurad Hussain from HBT Communications

Staying in touch with Council gets easier

In October, the cashier counters at the Council House are closing as the Council introduces different ways for people to pay either online, in person or at their bank.

A new bigger Customer Service Centre will be opening in the Upper Precinct where there will also be payment machines. Visitors will be able to see advisors, if they have a query, by making an appointment, and there will be self-service computers to access the Council's online services.

Customers who still want to pay in person and have a bank or Post Office account, can pay at their local branch (except HSBC and Yorkshire Bank). They just need to bring with them their Council Tax bill, debit payment card and quote your Council Tax customer

reference number.

Or people are being encouraged to set up a Direct Debit by visiting www.coventry.gov.uk/paycounciltax Already more than 70,000 Coventry households pay their bill this way.

The Council is also reminding customers to register for My Account – www.coventry.gov.uk/myaccount

This allows people to quickly explain online about changes to circumstances, apply for exemptions and check or pay their Council Tax balance – any time of the day or night without visiting or phoning.

People can also call the 24 hour automated payment telephone line on 024 7678 7778.

New app helps you get from a to b

A new app is set to be piloted in Coventry which enables people with a disability to get assistance on the go when visiting the city.

Assist-Mi is a tool that offers comprehensive assistance to people with disabilities. Users can download the app and then connect via two way messaging to the venue they plan to visit.

Users can request real time information, for example to check if there is wheelchair access at a venue,

whether there is a hearing loop or if the location welcomes guide dogs.

The member of staff will, at the same time, get a profile of the customer so they understand what their needs are likely to be and anticipate the service user's arrival.

The Council and Citizens' Advice Bureau are both taking part in the pilot.

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Make your mark at Millennium Screen

Coventry Cathedral is searching for donors to support its reconciliation work both in the UK and abroad.

The Millennium Chapel near the rear of the Cathedral is bordered on two sides by glass panels, upon which the names of donors are etched.

At the centre of the chapel, which was opened in 2000 hangs a copy of the 'Stalingrad Madonna' created by a young Christian – a German soldier - caught up in the siege of Stalingrad in the winter of 1942.

The original drawing is on display in a church in Berlin with a copy in Stalingrad; a striking image of Mary holding Jesus as a baby, it is a link between the three cities which reminds us all daily of the power of reconciliation.

The Cathedral is hoping to add a further 10 names to the screen this year at a cost of £2,500 each.

To find out more, contact Christine Doyle on 024 7652 1200 or e-mail christine.doyle@coventrycathedral.org.uk

The chapel is used daily by visitors and the Cathedral community to reflect and pray.

Warm welcome for visitors

Bright new signs welcoming people to Coventry are being put up around the city boundary.

The signs feature the city's crest and have been put up at around 30 locations covering all the major routes into the city. Most of the signs are 'welcome' signs, but there are also some that say 'Thank you for visiting Coventry' as people leave the city.

They replace the old signs that – after being up for 15 years – were showing signs of wear and tear. Council Leader Ann Lucas and Cllr Rachel Lancaster, Cabinet Member Public Services, took a trip to

Exhall Road to see the new signs.

The cost of the signs has been covered by sponsorship by Coventry University.



Tough battle leads to school makeover



■ Left to right front: Carol Brammer, Head Teacher, Kirston Nelson, Director of Education, Coventry City Council, Nick Gibb, Minister of State for Schools, Cllr David Kershaw CBE JP, Cabinet Member for Education with pupils from Richard Lee.

The city's Richard Lee Primary School, once judged the school most in need of repair in England, has being officially reopened.

Pupils and staff at the school, which was previously blighted by frequent leaks and flooding, are beginning the new term in a state-of-the-art building thanks to the £7million rebuild completed through the priority school building programme (PSBP).

The school now boasts a large,

multi-use hall, bright new classrooms and a state of the art music and drama studio.

Headteacher Carol Brammer said: "Our long awaited new school building gives us a great place for our children to learn and for teachers to teach.

"This hard fought for new school building lifts the spirits and aspirations of our whole community, helping our children to be the best they can be."

The new building brings together the school and children's centre.

Councillor David Kershaw CBE, Coventry City Council's Cabinet Member for Education, said: "It's remarkable and will provide an excellent learning environment for every pupil in the school for many years to come.

"The Council has also invested an additional £500,000 of funding to provide a replacement children's centre for the site. This is an integral part of the development and provides a wide range of services to local families."

Top peace award for city academic

A senior academic in Coventry University's Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations (CTPSR) is to be honoured with one of Nigeria's foremost peace awards at a ceremony in Washington, USA.

Alpaslan Özerdem, professor of peacebuilding and co-director of CTPSR (pictured right), will receive the International Peace Medal of the Peace Corps of Nigeria (PCN) in recognition of his lifetime achievements and outstanding leadership in the field of peacebuilding.

Professor Özerdem's work has seen him engage extensively with communities in Nigeria in recent years to help with peacebuilding initiatives and the prevention of ethno-religious conflict in the country.





■ Deputy Lord Mayor Cllr Lindsley Harvard joins together with other senior representatives from Coventry University, the Police and Coventry City Council to welcome the new student recruits.

Crime-fighting students sign up as special constables

Coventry students are about to join police ranks in the city after they were officially sworn in as special constables.

Eight Coventry University and Coventry University College students will spend a year as special constables

with West Midlands Police. They will be volunteering after completing the first or second year of university studies in subjects including criminology, law and order and policing.

The scheme is a UK-first initiative, involving Coventry University and Coventry University College along with West Midlands Police.

The project is supported by funding from West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner and Coventry's Local Police and Crime Board.

The new recruits – selected from 64 students will join the force in the city

centre and Hillfields.

Coventry Police Inspector Hasson Shigdar, Project Manager working on the scheme, said: "The students showed great enthusiasm during the selection process and I'm excited by the project."

Cllr Ann Lucas, Leader of Coventry City Council added: "The young people reflect the important role that students have in the city. This is a great scheme and one that will benefit everyone involved."

The students completed a 16-week Special Constabulary training programme as part of their preparations.

Age friendly first

Coventry has become one of the first cities in the country to adopt The World Health Organisation's age friendly cities programme. The title means the city will work together to improve the wellbeing of older people and challenge perceptions.

Coventry University, the Council and Age UK have joined forces to deliver the programme.

If you would like to get involved e-mail Kam Kaur, Transformation Manager, Age Friendly City Initiative on Kam.kaur1@coventry.ac.uk

Christmas fundraiser

The Midland Charities Association Christmas card shop will be back in Allesley Park Community Library for six weeks from Monday, November 2 until Saturday, December 12. The library can be found in the same building as the medical centre on the corner of Winsford Avenue.

Getting wise on pensions

Pension reforms introduced at the beginning of April give people more freedom to decide what to do with their pension pot.

Citizens Advice Coventry is responsible for helping people in the West Midlands understand their pension options, as part of a government service called Pension Wise.

Citizens Advice Coventry offers

free face-to-face Pension Wise sessions which are available to book now.

The 45 minute appointments are tailored to the individual, taking into account the value of their pension and their plans for retirement.

To book an appointment call: 024 7625 2621 or email: pensionwise@coventrycab.org.uk

Cash injection for community venue

An independent community centre in Foleshill has won government funding to prepare a community action plan for the area it serves.

Broad Street Meeting Hall has been awarded £2,500 from the government's First Steps programme, to help community

groups lead on delivering improvements in deprived areas.

The hall has also progressed to the final stages of an application for lottery funding to replace its worn out post war temporary building and appoint a community worker.

Steps to tackle domestic violence

A new initiative to tackle domestic violence and abuse across the West Midlands has been launched.

The initiative – a set of standards to help organisations working on the issue – is thought to be the first of its kind in the country. The standards will help agencies like the police and councils provide a consistent service across the region and make sure they work together to improve services. Leader of Coventry City Council, Cllr Ann Lucas, was awarded an OBE last year for her work nationally in raising awareness of domestic violence issues.

"We all know that we need to work together closely across the region to tackle this issue," she said. "These standards will help us do this, and make sure it's a top priority for us all."

Cheap all day parking offer

Just £3.50

The Council is cutting the cost of parking at one of its city centre car parks in a bid to make parking more affordable for workers in the city.

An "early bird" tariff is being introduced at City Arcade car park, where customers arriving between 8am and 9:30am from Monday to Friday will be able to buy a ticket that allows them park until 6pm for just £3.50.

Drivers will need to enter from the Greyfriars Road entrance (behind Argos) and use the pay and display machines (coins only machines – exact change needed) section of the car park above city arcade.

The car park above the indoor market and the Lower Precinct multi-storey car park are privately owned and are NOT part of the early bird offer. They operate using their own daily tariffs.

Drivers will exit through the Lower Precinct car park as usual. The exit works on an ANPR

Barney is a Good Citizen

'Beat bobby', Cornell Barnes MBE – also known as 'Barney' – became the latest Coventry Good Citizen at a ceremony recently. Barney has worked in the Hillfields area since 1990 and is well-known and respected in his community, with many people he has arrested in the past having now turned their lives around.

When not on duty, Barney is the Musical Director of the West Midlands Police Band and he also conducts the Warwickshire Band of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. Barney received his award from the Lord Mayor, Cllr Michael Hammon.



Beat bobby Cornell Barnes MBE receives his Coventry Good Citizen Award from The Lord Mayor of Coventry, Cllr Michael Hammon.

(Automatic Number Plate Recognition) system that will read the vehicle's number plate and the barrier will raise automatically to allow drivers to exit.

Cllr Rachel Lancaster, Cabinet Member for Public Services said: "We are really pleased that we have been able to take a look at the cost of parking in the city centre. I am confident that people will want to take full advantage of cheap all-day parking in the city centre."

Switch and Save a big success

A campaign which has been helping Coventry residents save money on energy bills has proved a great success - with one home saving £1,411.

The scheme worked by pooling energy consumption details from residents who registered. The major energy companies then

competed with each other to offer the lowest rates in a "reverse auction" which sees the lowest bidder winning, which resulted in a third of people going on to switch suppliers and save an average of £285 per household.

The Switch and Save project was funded by grant funding from the Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC). Around £142,500 was saved as part of the scheme.

Regional campaign tackles child sexual exploitation

Child sexual exploitation can affect any child, and people are being encouraged to speak up if they spot the signs or are worried about a young person.

The Coventry Child Sexual Exploitation Team is working closely with other teams across the West Midlands and Warwickshire to share intelligence about the movements of offenders.

Details about the dangers of sexual exploitation are available at www.seeme-hearme.org.uk

People can report any concerns by



calling the police on 101 or 999 in an emergency or Coventry social care on 024 7678 8555 or out of hours on 024 7683 2222.

A new national confidential CSE helpline for children has also been launched on tel or text: 116 000.

Practitioners are being encouraged to follow the team on Twitter @coventryhorizon and young people are being encouraged to visit Instagram – Coventry Horizon.

Spotting the signs of exploitation

Hundreds of taxi and private hire vehicle drivers in Coventry have been taking part in training to help spot the signs of child sexual exploitation and report any concerns they may have.

More than 700 drivers have taken part in training, organised by a new Coventry team, working with

agencies in the city and across the West Midlands to tackle child sexual exploitation.

The CSE team, called Horizon, is made up of social workers, youth workers, children and families workers, a CSE co-ordinator and a specialist police officer.

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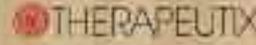
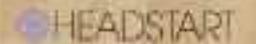
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Smokers urged to sign up to **Stoptober**

Smokers in Coventry are being urged to stub it out by signing up to **Stoptober**.

With data showing that 60,000 Coventry residents smoke, the Council is backing Public Health England's national campaign to encourage a 28 day mass Quit Smoking attempt.

Coventry Stop Smoking Service is holding sessions at Central Library and is inviting residents who are thinking about quitting to drop in for a chat and find out about extra advice and support to help them with their challenge.

Cllr Joe Clifford, Chair of the Coventry Smokefree Alliance launched the campaign with Coventry Stop Smoking Service advisors. He said: "Though we have made great progress in reducing smoking rates within our city over recent years it continues to claim the lives of one in six of all Coventry residents".

Specialist Stop Smoking advisors will be holding drop in sessions at Central Library on the following dates; Saturday 10 October, 10am to 4pm and Tuesday 13 to Friday 16 October, 10am to 4pm.



Christine Dunkley CWPT with Cllr Joe Clifford back the quit smoking event.

Research shows that smokers are two thirds (67%) more likely to quit when their partner stops smoking, and a third are more likely to quit when a close friend (36%) or someone they work with (34%) stops.

Henley's Restaurant Autumn Offer

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*Valid until 31st November 2015. For further info call 024 7662 6338. Group reservations are welcome. Please note CVAs are not booking.

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www.henley.ac.uk

Helping mums-to-be to quit



Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust provides Coventry's only specialist 'Stop Smoking in Pregnancy' service. It is run by NHS trained midwives and stop smoking advisors (pictured above).

The service is free and confidential to any pregnant woman who lives or is

registered with a GP in Coventry. Partners and family members are also welcome.

For advice or to book an appointment call 024 7696 1391 or talk to your midwife or health professional.

Details are available at: www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk/CoventryStopSmoking

Jobs boost from health trust

Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust is launching a recruitment campaign to highlight jobs available across the region. The campaign aims to recruit various categories of staff, including administrative and clerical, health care assistants, estates staff, nursing

and medical staff and allied health professionals.

All vacancies will be advertised on www.jobs.nhs.uk

For more information, please email queries to: recruitmentdepartment@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

When A&E is not always best place

A new service designed to help keep people out of hospital has been launched.

Health staff at Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust already respond quickly to people who have had a fall at home and where paramedics believe the patient doesn't need to go to hospital, they can call in the community team instead.

The new service aims to reduce further the number of people attending accident and emergency and being admitted to inpatient care.

A team of community nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and other health professionals respond within minutes, arranging an appointment in the patient's own home, to help them avoid an often upsetting and unnecessary stay in their local hospital.

Dr Ed Hartley, A&E consultant, University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire, said: "When a frail or elderly person has a fall at home, people often think the best place for them is A&E, however, while we're able to provide any urgent medical attention they need, they could often receive more appropriate follow-up care in their own homes rather than being admitted to hospital."

HIV testing offers 60 second result



■ Alison Blair, Charlotte Hubbard and Kerrie Beasley from Coventry Sexual Health Service.

Coventry Integrated Sexual Health Service offers a community based HIV test with a 60 second result for those who may be at a higher risk of exposure to HIV.

HIV is a blood borne virus that, for most people, will not show symptoms in its early stages.

Research shows that 8 out of 10 people who were told they had HIV in 2012 caught it from someone who didn't know they had it.

The most common way of

getting HIV is from having sex without a condom or from blood to blood contact, like from an infected needle. HIV can also be passed from mother to child.

The earlier people get tested, plus availability of new treatment means that HIV is no longer a death sentence. People diagnosed early can live a long, healthy and active life.

For a free and confidential HIV test, or a full sexual health screen call 0300 020 0027 or visit www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk and search 'Sexual Health'.

32,000 targeted for active day

Thousands of people across Coventry are being encouraged to join together and do something active as part of a campaign called One Big Thing.

The partnership project between Coventry University, the University of Warwick, Coventry City Council, CSW Sport and the Workplace Wellbeing Charter will see people across Coventry getting active either collectively or individually, to create a united, healthy and energetic city all on Wednesday 21 October.

Organisers hope to enable and encourage everyone in Coventry, regardless of their health, fitness or background, to do any form of physical activity that suits them.

It could be 10 minutes or 10 hours; stretching, swimming or spinning; in the bedroom, bath or boardroom – whatever people feel up to.

Naomi Brook, said, public health co-ordinator for Coventry on the move said: "We want as many people involved as possible - if only one in 10 of our city took part, that's at least 32,000 being more active together.

For details visit www.coventry.gov.uk/onebigthing

Free flu vaccine available to one in three

Thousands of Coventry and Warwickshire residents are being encouraged to take advantage of a free flu vaccination.

NHS flu vaccinations in the region are now available from GPs, and in pharmacies.

One in three people are entitled to a free flu vaccination, yet every year thousands of people run the lottery of catching the potentially deadly illness rather than have the 'flu jab'.

Everyone aged 65 or over is entitled to the free flu vaccine and take advantage of the service. Other at risk groups include people with chronic liver, kidney and neurological disease and those with lowered immunity, who are at increased risk of dying from flu.

Pregnant women at all stages of pregnancy are entitled to the vaccine because they are particularly at risk of complications from flu and the vaccine can protect their baby in the first few months of life. Yet less than half of women who were pregnant last winter had their vaccination.

Carers of older and vulnerable individuals are another group entitled to the vaccine, yet less than half get it.

This year will also see all children aged two, three and four offered free flu nasal sprays, plus all children in school years one and two will get the vaccine through the schools vaccination programme.

The main reason for this is that flu spreads quickly among children

and then on to family members who may be more vulnerable to the effects of flu.

The flu vaccine changes every year to fight the latest strains of flu, so even if people had a jab last winter they will need another one this year to stay flu safe.

The best time to be vaccinated is at the start of the flu season from September to early November, so it's good to get in early and get flu safe in time for the winter.

People should contact their GP or a participating pharmacy to arrange a convenient appointment and get their jab. It's quick, safe and free for those most at risk from the virus.

For more information visit www.coventry.gov.uk/flu

No smoking changes

Every week, 200 children have to visit their GP because of the effects of secondhand smoke in cars and from 1 October it will be illegal to smoke in vehicles with someone under 18 present.

The new law helps protect children from the dangers of second hand smoke. Both the driver and the smoker can be fined £50 if anyone smokes in the vehicle.

For details visit www.gov.uk/smokefreecars





14 November 1940 the Coventry will never fo

For many people living in Coventry, the Blitz will remain f on their memories. 75 years after that terrible, tragic and hundreds of people will gather to mark its anniversary.

For many who lived through the Blitz, although time has moved on their memories are still crystal clear. The sounds, the smells, the pain of that night still vivid, still clear: it will be a poignant moment to reflect on the experiences of a night that the city will never forget.

On Saturday 14 November Coventry marks the 75th anniversary of the Blitz.

Coventry has become a powerful symbol worldwide for peace and reconciliation because of the way people dealt with the tragedy of the event.

On the evening of Saturday 14 November, the city is planning to create a giant Human Chain of Peace and Light in the city centre,

finishing at the Cathedral.

Each person attending will carry a light along the chain to symbolise communities joining together in a universal message of remembering the past but looking to the future.

The inspiration for the Human Chain comes from Dresden where a similar event takes place annually and attracts thousands of people from across the country.

Councillor Ann Lucas, Leader of Coventry City Council, said that every year the anniversary of the Blitz becomes more significant. "It's incredibly important," she explained. "With each passing year the relevance of the human tragedy of the event and how Coventry rallied to become the city of peace and reconciliation grows in significance."

The Blitz 75th commemorations programme will also offer a range of events, activities and opportunities to mark the anniversary with Coventry Cathedral announcing a special one-off concert on the Saturday night with

'As a Cathedral famous for its role world wide in promoting peace and reconciliation, it's also great to be able to build on the many examples of good work.'

the Saint Michael's Singers performing Mozart's Requiem and Solemn Vespers with the Parliament Choir and the English Symphony Orchestra.

The Reverend Canon Dr Sarah Hills, Canon for Reconciliation at

Coventry Cathedral added: "As a Cathedral famous for its role world wide in promoting peace and reconciliation, it's also great to be able to build on the many examples of good work."

An annual global peace forum will also be held in Coventry from Wednesday, November 11 to Friday, November 13 featuring leading figures from across the world.

To keep up to date with further details about Blitz 75 events and to find out

more about taking part in the human chain visit www.coventry.gov.uk/events

Further information about Rising 15 can be found at www.rising.org

Dates for your diary

Saturday 14 November

2pm – 4pm War Memorial Park - The Friends of the Park invite you to join them for an afternoon of song and companionship in the Visitor Centre. Tea and biscuits provided.

6.30pm University Square – Be part of the Human Chain of Light and Peace. Listen to LocalVocals as they sing songs from the 40s. Hear survivor stories and stand shoulder to shoulder with your neighbour and a host of VIPs to remember the Blitz. Bring your torch or you mobile phone to light up the square at 7pm.

7.30pm Coventry Cathedral – Mozart Requiem brought to you by St Michaels Singers, English Symphony Orchestra and the Parliament Choir. This special concert marks the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Coventry Cathedral. Tickets £25, £20, £15 (www.ticketweb.com).

Sunday 15 November

1.00-3.00pm St Mary's Guildhall – The Lord Mayor invites Coventry Blitz survivors to help remember and reflect on an important milestone for the city. Lunch available and nostalgic music performed by Sara Spade. If you would like a free ticket please contact the Lord Mayor's office – 024 7683 3100 or email lord.mayor@coventry.gov.uk Limited tickets on a first come first served basis so please register early.

7.00pm Coventry Cathedral - Join the Lord Mayor and Bishop of Coventry for a special Civic Service of Commemoration to mark the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Coventry. Please be seated by 6.45pm. To find out more contact Lord Mayor's office on 024 7683 3100 or email lord.mayor@coventry.gov.uk

Stories from the Blitz

Five years ago BBC Coventry & Warwickshire recorded 70 stories for 70 years to commemorate the Blitz. The powerful stories will be given a new lease of life for the 75th anniversary with a series of short films. These films will be shown across the city on the big screen and form an integral part of the city's commemorations on the 14th November.



The day we forget

forever etched
in our memory
of a cruel night



■ Thousands join a human chain in Dresden, Germany

About the Blitz

- The air raid on Coventry on the night of 14 November 1940 was the single most concentrated attack on a British city in the Second World War.
- Following the raid, Nazi propagandists coined a new word in Germany – Coventrieren – to raze a city to the ground.
- Codenamed 'Moonlight Sonata', the raid lasted for 11 hours and involved nearly 500 Luftwaffe bombers, gathered from airfields all over occupied Europe.
- The aim was to knock out Coventry as a major centre for war production. It was said too, that Hitler ordered the raid as revenge for an RAF attack on Munich.
- The Luftwaffe dropped 500 tons of high explosive, 30,000 incendiaries and 50 landmines. It was also trying out a new weapon, the exploding incendiary.
- Coventry lost not only its great medieval church of St Michael, the only English cathedral to be destroyed in the Second World War, but its Central Library and market hall, hundreds of shops and public buildings and 16th century Palace Yard, where James II had once held court.

- The smell and heat of the burning city reached into the cockpits of the German bombers, 6,000 feet above.
More than 43,000 homes, just over half the city's housing stock, were damaged or destroyed in the raid.
- At midday next day in Coventry it was as warm as spring and almost dark because of the effects of the firestorms.
- The people of the city too were traumatised. Hundreds wandered the streets in a daze and little children were seen trying to burrow their way through solid brick walls to escape the terrifying noise.
- The official death toll from the night was 554, but the real figure could have been much higher, with many unaccounted for.
- Yet by 1947, Coventry had adopted its first German twin city, Kiel. Dresden followed in 1956. The ruined cathedral now stands for international peace and reconciliation.



■ Children experiencing the Blitz event at the Herbert

Herbert Art Gallery & Museum, Coventry

BLITZ FAMILY DAY

14 November, 10.30am – 4.00pm
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www.theherbert.org

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Cars, curry and creativity mark 50 great university years

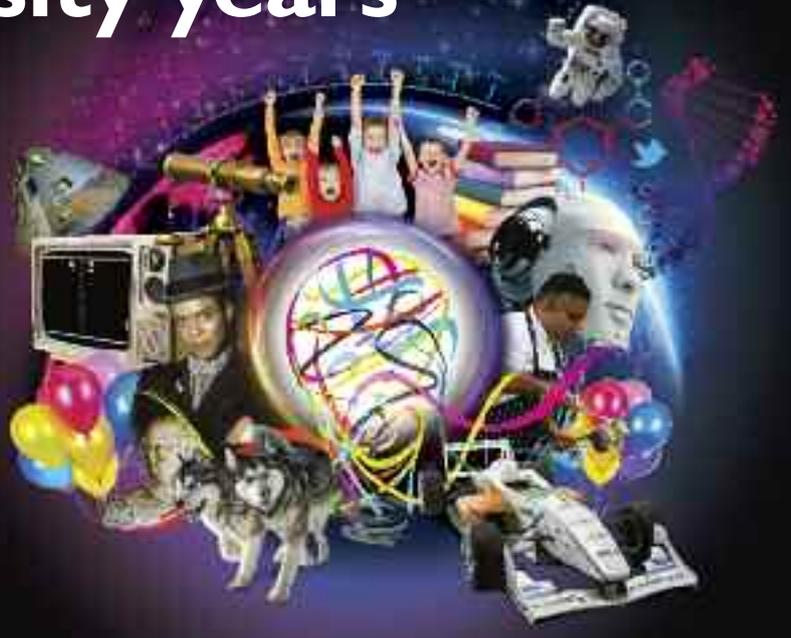
Chocolate-powered racing cars, creativity and curry will be on the menu when the University of Warwick celebrates its 50th birthday.

To mark turning 50, the University is holding the Festival of the Imagination on Friday 16 and Saturday 17 October. The festival will be the centrepiece of its 50th anniversary celebrations. It will feature food, drink, entertainment, talks, lectures, shows, discussions and demonstrations.

The events will cover a diverse range of topics from testing racing skills in a track driving simulator to music to cookery demonstrations.

Speakers include BBC's Saturday Kitchen regular Vivek Singh, local polar explorer Mark Wood, and the Selector singer Pauline Black. The University are also teaming up with Cheltenham Festivals to entertain audiences.

Many of the events are free but should be booked in advance, however booking isn't required for the Discovery Zone or fringe activities. For further details and to book tickets visit www.warwick.ac.uk/imagination



City honour for business leaders

In the week Citivision went to press two people who have been of significant importance to the economy of Coventry – Mr Ratan Tata and Professor Lord Kumar Bhattacharyya – were to be given Honorary Freeman of the City status by the Lord Mayor, at a formal ceremony.

The Chairman Emeritus of the Tata Group which owns Jaguar Land Rover, Mr Ratan Tata GBE, and Professor Lord Bhattacharyya KB CBE, Founder and Chairman of Warwick Manufacturing Group, were to take the Oath of Freeman and sign the Roll of Honour during the ceremony at Coventry Cathedral on September 25.

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Michael Hammon, a Freeman himself, said: "Recognising two people who have helped in the regeneration of the city is a way of celebrating all that is good about the city and its future."

Councillor Ann Lucas OBE, Leader of the Council, said: "Growing the city's economy is fundamental to achieving our aim of becoming a top ten city. We are delighted to award Mr Tata and Professor Lord Bhattacharyya the highest Honour in recognition of their impact on the city. We truly value their friendship."

Why we love our historic buildings

Dozens of buildings were recently opened up to visitors as part of the city's annual Heritage Days so that people could have the chance to get up close to the fantastic artwork that decorates many of Coventry's most loved buildings.

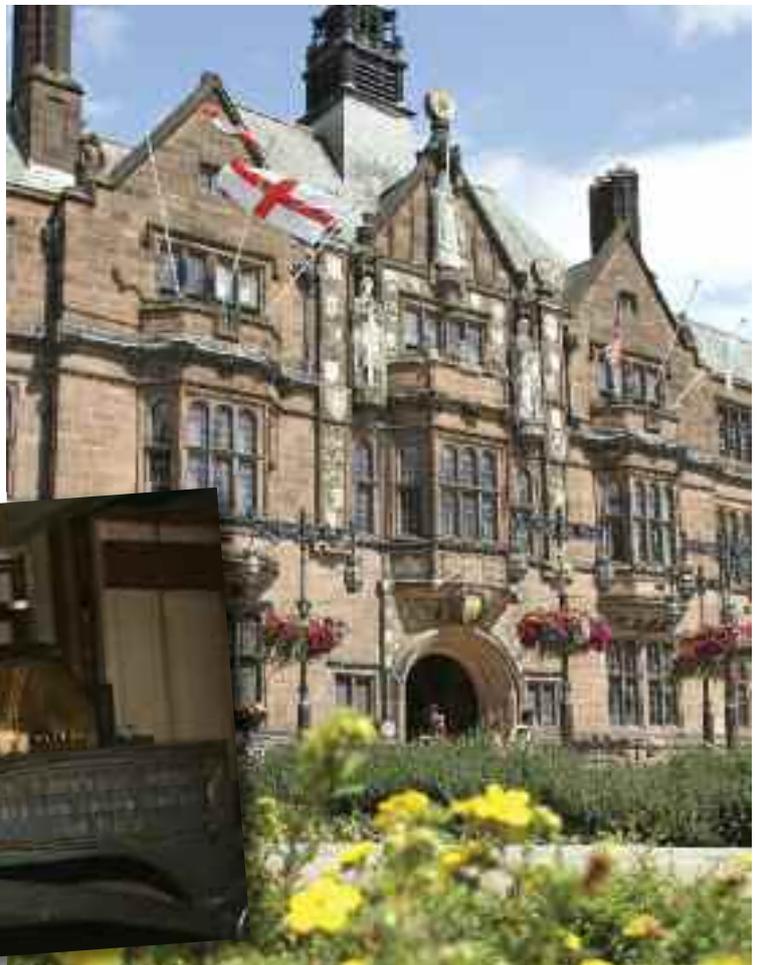
Among them was the Council House, which has survived the Blitz and has been a symbol of civic pride for generations.

The building is based on a Tudor style and many people think it's older than it is, but work only began just over a century ago, with a ceremony on 12 June 1913 for the laying of the foundation stone.

Work was not completed until 1917 and the building was officially opened on 11 June 1920 by HRH the Duke of York – later to become King George VI.

Elsewhere, Ford's Hospital in Greyfriars Lane was also opened up for the series of days. Dating back to the early 1520s, the hospital was

built from an endowment made by the will of William Ford, a wool merchant and former Lord Mayor of Coventry.



■ Above: The 100 year old Council House and inset left a close up of the workings that make the Council House clock tick



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Bulky waste collection

To book your collection

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Heat scheme turns waste to energy

Now in its second year of operations a ground breaking scheme that uses household waste to create energy is helping deliver low carbon heat to dozens of public buildings.

The Coventry District Energy Scheme, known as Heatline, is helping to reduce the city's energy costs and carbon emissions. It means unused heat at the waste to energy plant in London Road is being recycled as a heating solution.

Councillor Kevin Maton, Cabinet Member for Business, Enterprise and Employment said the ambitious scheme would offer businesses the opportunity to get connected to low cost energy in the future.

He said: "It will further reduce the city's carbon footprint, and provides long-term price stability for heating council-operated buildings which is making better use of money for services which is

good news for everyone."

Coventry Waste to Energy Plant – network heat source operated by Cofely District Energy on behalf of the Council, the system uses heat generated by the Whitley plant to

produce hot water at a lower cost than from traditional gas boilers. This is then transported via underground pipes to consumers in the city centre for space heating and hot water.

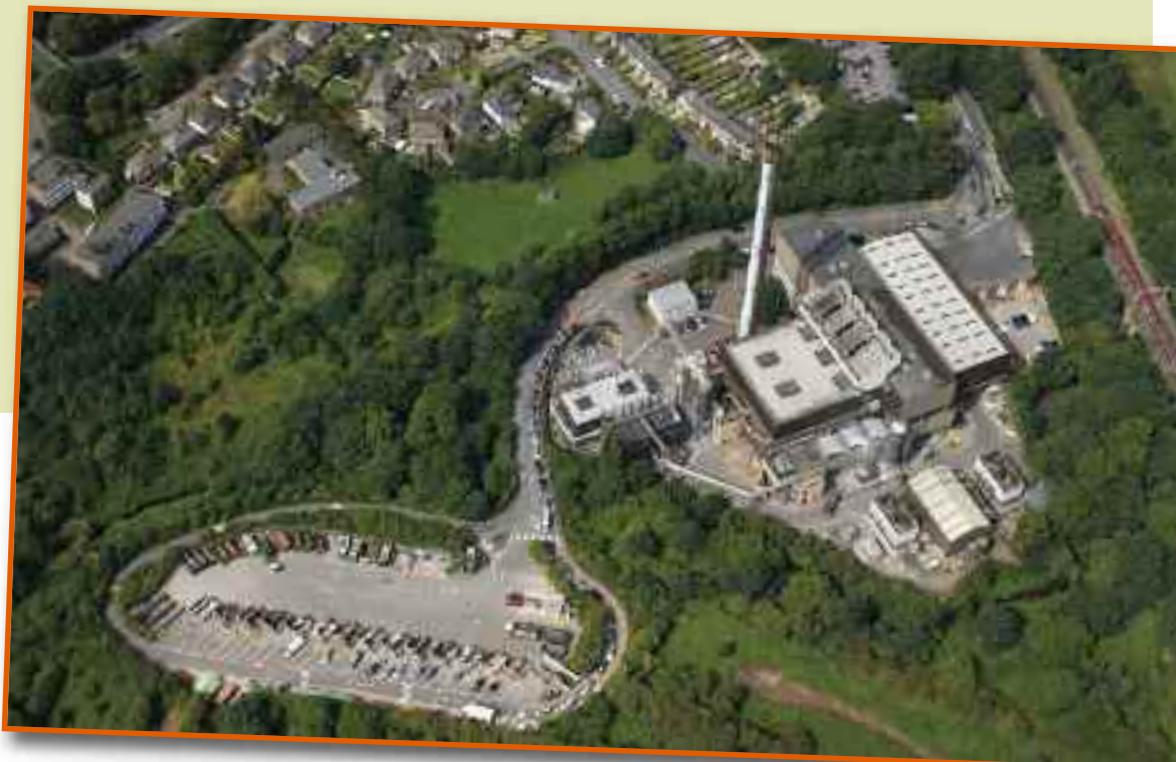
New heatline

The Council's desire to install district heating dates back to 1943 when plans were drawn up to use heat from the incineration of waste to supply buildings in the newly reconstructed city centre. But it wasn't until 1975 when a new incinerator with heat recovery was constructed, enabling heat to be transported to the nearby Peugeot plant.

In 2008 conditions supported a more extensive district energy scheme. Installation of a new plant and the underground heating

network was completed in September 2013.

The Council is continuing to work with partners to further expand the scheme over the coming years.



■ **Above:** Coventry Waste to Energy Plant – network heat source
 ■ **Bottom left:** Heatpipe Installation to Council House, Coventry

Hot facts

- 1,300 tonnes CO2 savings per annum
- Energy recovered from 245,000 tonnes of waste annually
- 9 GWh of heat currently generated per annum equivalent to heating 600 homes
- Potential for expansion to 73 GWh of heat a year
- 6.6 km of underground pipework
- Currently serving eight major buildings in the city centre
- 650,000 litre thermal storage vessel.



■ **Above:** Thermal Storage Vessel





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Cycle routes across the city

If the recent big Sky Ride has inspired people to get out on their bikes, there are now local guided rides from Coventry on Sundays until the end of October.

These include:

- 4 – Coventry Canal or Sowe Valley
- 11 – Kenilworth Greenway or Bramcote
- 18 – Coventry Canal or Warwickshire Lanes
- 25 – Kenilworth

For more information visit www.goskyride.com/coventry

Free family cycle training

It's never too late for anyone to learn to ride or improve their cycling skills.

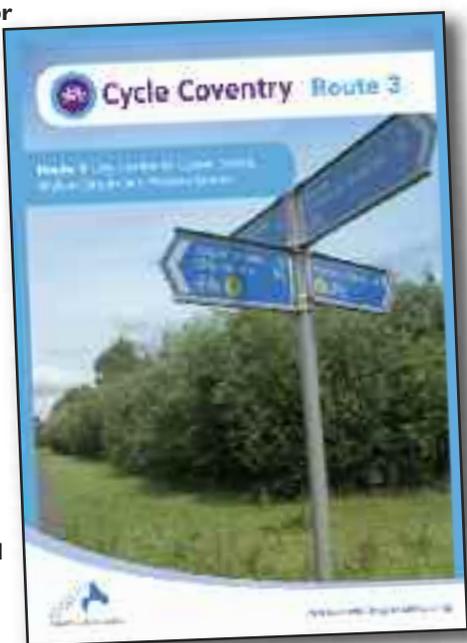
Free cycle training courses are available for adults and children at Xcel and Moat House Leisure Centres from absolute beginners to on-road courses for adults.

To see how to sign up visit: www.coventry.gov.uk/cycling

Find a route

New maps are available from local libraries of new cycle routes to the city centre to get cyclists to work, school or university.

There are a choice of routes to help people dodge the traffic from the city centre to the University of Warwick, Tile Hill and Canley or up to the Ricoh, Foleshill, Longford and the Sowe Valley.



Rugby World Cup trophy tour

More than 5,000 people across Coventry have been taking a closer look at the Rugby World Cup.

The Webb Ellis Cup Tour travelled through Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, Wales and England before it arrived at Twickenham Stadium for the Opening Ceremony of Rugby World Cup 2015.

The War Memorial Park hosted an event to mark the trophy tour where Rugby masterclasses were held by Wasps, Warwickshire RFU

and Coventry Rugby Club.

Councillor Abdul Khan, Cabinet Member for Sport at the Council said that the sport of rugby was going from strength to strength in Coventry. He added: "We were delighted to welcome the trophy to Coventry. There are lots of rugby clubs here and the sport is thriving. I was pleased to see youngsters enjoying the event and I hope the Rugby World Cup encourages even more new participants to the game."

Jazz Festival explosion set to hit city

A Jazz explosion is set to hit Coventry on 27 and 28 November 2015, when JazzUK's full on #4Jazz Festival hits venues and streets across the city.

Courtney Pine will be sharing the stage with MOBO award winning pianist Zoe Rahman, at the Old Grammar School, and Christine Tobin will be performing her 'Thousand Kisses Deep' programme in Draper's Bar, where the Budapest Café Orchestra will also be taking to the stage.

The Dissolve JazzLab will showcase at the Belgrade Theatre will be led by renowned jazz educationalist and National Youth Jazz Collective founder

Issie Barratt. This new Asian and world music-inspired jazz fusion project will work Coventry Performing Arts Service and young musicians in Coventry.

Look out for the street carnival and Musical Balloons for children at The Herbert too.

Full details are available at JazzUK.org.uk website.



Community activities directory

The community activities directory lists a variety of groups, classes and healthy activities across Coventry. From bingo to local social groups,

you can see what is in your area. Find out what is happening near you and maybe join a group.

For more information and to search groups and activities near you visit www.coventry.gov.uk/cad



Out and about this chilly season

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

War Memorial Park activities:

Meet at Education Room Visitors Centre, booking not essential. Allow 45 minutes to complete all activities. For more information contact reception 024 7678 6280.

Coombe Country Park activities:

Meet at Visitors Centre, advance booking and payment essential on 024 7645 3720 or e-mail coombe.countrypark@coventry.gov.uk – bookings by credit/debit cards accepted. Car parking charges still apply, unless stated otherwise.

Every Friday – Tot Waddles, War Memorial Park (10.30am–12noon, £3 per child). Meet the Education Team for some fun in the park. Go on a little adventure before coming inside for some arts and crafts. Dress appropriately for the weather. Suitable for two-year-olds and above. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

OCTOBER

11 – Fungi Foray,

Coombe Country Park (10am–12 noon, £10 per person) 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 12 years and older.

11 – Mushroom Madness

Coombe Country Park (1pm–1.45pm, or 2pm–2.45pm, £3 per child). Have a go at making some funky fungi themed arts and crafts and then have a go exploring on our self-guided mushroom trail. Suitable for three years and older.

17 – National Apple Day

Rangers Park activities. (10am–2pm, Free) Lake View Park - Meet near the bridge Lake View Rd. Apple related displays, recipes plus the Longest Peel competition with the Rangers and cakes, chutneys and jams to buy courtesy of Allesley Country Market. Suitable for all. No booking required.

27 – Spooky Spiders

Rangers Park activities. (1.30pm–3pm, Free). Longford Park – Meet near play area. Halloween related craft, quiz trail and games with the Rangers. Suitable for families with children up to 12 years. No booking required.

28 – Spooky Spiders

Rangers Park activities. (1.30pm–3pm, Free). Caludon Castle Park – Meet near play area. Halloween related craft, quiz trail and games with the Rangers. Suitable for families with children up to 12 years. No booking required.

28 – Creepy Creatures

War Memorial Park activities (1pm–2.30pm, £3 per child). It's that spooky time of year! Come and join the Education Team to make yourself some creepy creatures to take home. Suitable for children five years and above.

29 – Spooky Spiders

Rangers Park activities. (1.30pm–3pm, Free). Allesley Hall Park – Meet near play area. Halloween related craft, quiz trail and games with the Rangers. Suitable for families with children up to 12 years. No booking required.

29 – Monster Lab

Coombe Country Park (10am–11.30am, or 1pm – 2.30pm, £4 per child). Join our mad scientists in their experiments! Will you survive their gruesome grub and monster meddling? This interactive Halloween session may give even the bravest mums and dads a fright. Suitable for five years and older. N.B. Any allergies must be made known at time of booking.

30 – Autumn Fun

War Memorial Park activities (1.30pm–3pm, £3 per child). Help the Education Team celebrate autumn. Join us to make some arts and crafts from Mother nature's finest creations to take home. Suitable for children five years and above.

31 – Halloween Ghoulish Lanterns

Coombe Country Park (2pm–2.45pm or 3pm–3.45pm, £3 per child). Make a spooky lantern from recycled materials – you can bring your handmade lantern for the ghostly stories in the park in the evening. Suitable for five years and older.

31 – Halloween Ghostly Stories

Coombe Country Park (4pm–5.30pm, £3 per person). Bring your lanterns for a ghostly walk in the park and some spooky stories. Suitable for Families and children five years and above.

NOVEMBER

14 - 75th anniversary of the Blitz

The Blitz is embedded into the history and DNA of the city and the way Coventry people dealt with the tragedy of the event, has become a powerful symbol worldwide for peace and reconciliation. See details on pages 12 and 13.

28 - Walk of Light

Coombe Country Park (5.30pm–7.30pm, £5 per person). Experience the park in a different light – a walk with natural torchlight followed by stories and marshmallows by the fire. Suitable for families (please note that only natural torchlight will be used – please bring small children and pushchairs at your own discretion).

What's on this autumn at Coventry Museums



Coventry Museums are hosting all sorts of mysterious and spooky goings on this October half term' with creepy creatures at the Herbert, jittering doodle robots at Coventry Transport Museum, a mystery at the Priory and Roman rituals at the Lunt. Autumn also sees the launch of a new exhibition programme.

10 October - 17 January - War Games at the Herbert Art Gallery is free and looks at childhood in London. From the V&A Museum it is an interactive exhibition featuring tin toys, action figures and an army of iconic green soldiers.



The exhibition looks at the role of war in childhood play and strategic games from the 1800s to the present day. The exhibition also explores the controversy surrounding

childhood engagement with war, taking visitors on a thought-provoking and fascinating journey through the role of conflict in human nature.

14 November - 7 January

Indelible Marks: The Dresden Project by Monica Petzal at the Herbert. A fascinating exhibition about memory, loss, and family and featuring haunting prints which explore the emotional fallout from the times when the artist's family fled Dresden in Germany in 1937 during the rise of Nazism.

14 November - The Blitz Experience at the Medieval Undercroft. Linking to commemorative celebrations across the city, families can take part in a full day of workshops and experiences at both the Herbert Art Gallery and Museum and Coventry Transport Museum, which commemorate the anniversary of the Coventry Blitz.

Join us for a visit to the Medieval Undercroft for a sing along, ARP training, a salvage sorting centre, make do and mend crafts and much more! Full details can be found on the Herbert's website at www.theherbert.org

SAVE THE DATE

25 NOVEMBER

Christmas light switch on

Broadgate, Coventry city centre (5.30pm-8pm, free). Join us in Broadgate for festive fun for all the family. For more information visit www.coventrycitycentre.co.uk

DECEMBER

5 - Christmas Crafts: Wreath Workshop

Coombe Country Park (10am-12noon or 1pm-3pm, £15 per person). Create your own handmade Christmas welcome wreath with natural materials. Perfect activity for catching up with friends and family over the festive period. Suitable for 15 years and older.

6 - Christmas Crafts: Children's Workshop

Coombe Country Park (10am-11.30 or 1pm-2.30pm, £5 per child). Bring your little elves to have some festive fun and create some natural Christmas decorations for your home using natural materials. Suitable for three years and older.

12 - Deck the Halls

War Memorial Park activities (10.30pm-12noon, £3 per child)

It's Christmas! Join the Education Team to have loads of Christmas fun making some unique decorations to take home and treasure forever. Suitable for children five years and above
19 - Santa's Grotto
 Coombe Country Park. Session times available from 9.30am-3.30pm please call for availability, £7.95 per child. **(Under one's free if accompanied by a paying sibling). Includes Santa visit, car parking, crafts to take home and a small gift.**

It's that time of year again when Santa and his elves set up a winter wonderland grotto at Coombe. You won't be waiting in a long queue to see Santa as you will be given a session time and children will first enter the workshop with the elves and make their own Christmas crafts to take home until Mrs Claus takes them through to meet Father Christmas. Suitable for families.

If you have an event you'd like listed, contact *Citivism*, Room 27, The Council House, Earl Street, Coventry CV1 5RR or e-mail communications@coventry.gov.uk

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BABLAKE

Cllrs Galliers and Kershaw hold regular surgeries: Last Tuesday of month from 10.30am-12:00pm at The Good Honest Food Company, Gardonia Drive, Allesley Village. First Saturday of month 12noon-1pm at Coronation Club, Keresley Rd.



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BINLEY AND WILLENHALL



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CHEYLESMORE

Cllrs Bailey and Noonan hold regular surgeries: Cheylesmore Community Centre 6.30-6pm on the last Wednesday of month (except Dec) or contact them directly as below.



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EARLSDON



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Cllr Michael Harrison (Lord Mayor)
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FOLESHILL



Cllr Tariq Khan
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Cllr Malikat Auluck
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First and last Tuesday of month 4.30pm-6.30pm at Indian Community Centre, Cross Rd or call for an appointment.

HENLEY



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HOLBROOK



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Cllr Rachel Lancaster
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Cllr Ann Lucas OBE
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LONGFORD



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Cllr Linda Bigham
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Cllr George Duggins
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LOWER STOKE



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RADFORD



Cllr Mal Mutton
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ST MICHAELS



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Third Friday of month, 3-4pm at the Regeneration
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Cllr Jim O'Boyle
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12noon at Transport House, Short St.



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UPPER STOKE



Cllr Sucha Bains
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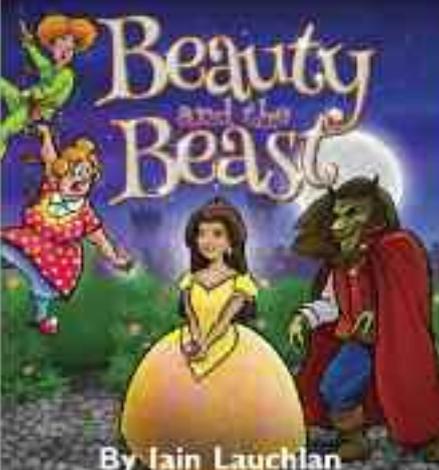
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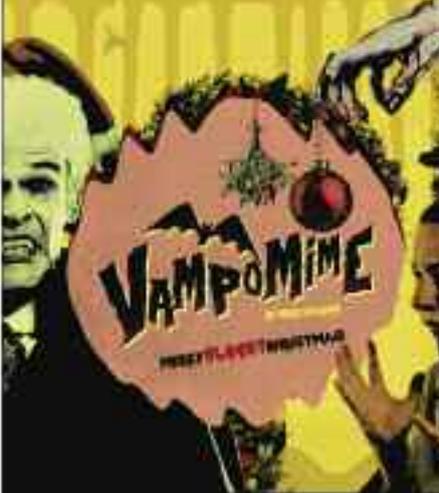
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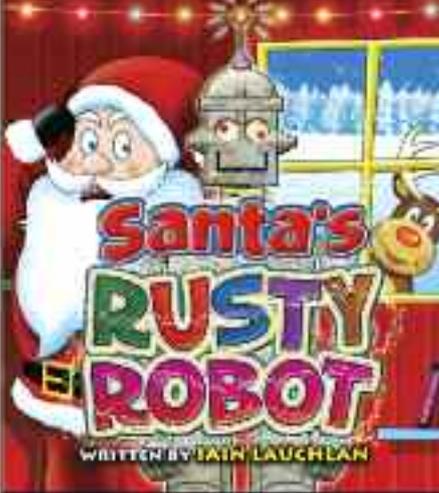
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