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Shopping around for a new lease of life

by **Ian Hughes**
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NEW powers are set to breathe new life into Rugby town centre.

Rugby Borough Council (RBC) is planning to adopt newly-introduced Government powers in a bid to bring long-term empty shops back into use.

High Street Rental Auctions (HSRAs) aim to support the regeneration of town centres and high streets by giving councils the power to auction leases for commercial properties which have stood empty for more than 12 months within a two-year period.

HSRAs allow councils to target landlords who fail to actively market or let commercial units within a reasonable timeframe - with councils able to offer one to five-year leases on such properties at auction.

A report to the council's cabinet meeting next week recommends RBC designate the town centre as the HSRAs 'zone' where the new powers can be enforced.

New zone

If backed by cabinet, a public consultation on the boundaries of the designated HSRAs zone is expected to be launched next month.

In order to adopt the new powers, the council must also maintain an up-to-date Vacant Shop Register for the designated HSRAs zone.

Work on the register has started, with the

retail sector vacancy rate in the town centre standing at nearly 16 per cent last November, compared to the national average of just over 14 per cent.

But the figure for Rugby actually rises to nearly 25 per cent when including the Rugby Central shopping centre, which currently has planning permission for partial redevelopment.

Council response

RBC leader Michael Moran said the council always aimed to work proactively with landlords to bring vacant commercial units back into use, but HSRAs allowed councils to intervene when talks ended in stalemate.

He added: "Long-term vacant commercial units have become an issue in town centres and high streets across the country, prompting the Government to introduce new powers to support councils to tackle the problem."

"Vacant shops, offices, restaurants and bars reduce footfall to the town centre, which in turn impacts the local economy, so we believe these new powers have an important role to play in our wider plans to regenerate the town centre."

"While we only intend to use these new powers when we have exhausted all other avenues with landlords, HSRAs offer us a powerful new tool to bring empty units back into use and breathe new life into our town centre."

To launch a HSRAs, the council must serve an initial notice on a landlord which starts a ten-week period when the landlord can be involved in the letting process.

Sky-Bleu Rosser-Harris, Kelise Foster and Bryn Richards - all from Rugby - and Elliot Donovan from Southam.



TREADING THE BOARDS: THE SPOTLIGHT shone on current and recently graduated Performing Arts degree students from Rugby College when they presented their original work in the second city.

The students were invited by the Birmingham REP Theatre to show off their skills as part of the theatre's new writing initiative, Scratch Day.

Final year student Bryn Richards shared an excerpt of his dissertation piece, Soulmates, exploring themes around assisted dying.

Bryn's team includes second-year stu-

dent Elliot Donovan, and recent Performing Arts graduates Sky-Bleu Rosser-Harris and Kelise Foster.

The REP will now support Bryn and his team as they continue to develop the piece for future performances.

The collaboration between Rugby College and the REP is part of a strategy to bridge the gap between education and industry, which aims to prepare students with real-world experience, mentorship, and the confidence to pursue professional creative careers.



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NATURE is not to blame for government planning failures

That is the clear message from Warwickshire Wildlife Trust (WWT) which has accused the Government of breaking its own promises to nature after discussion ended on the proposed Planning & Infrastructure Bill.

A new survey found just a quarter of people believed Labour was taking the problems facing nature seriously, and less than a third that it kept its promise to improve access to nature, promote biodiversity and protect landscapes and wildlife.

The Office for Environmental Protection recently declared the Planning & Infrastructure Bill would cause further environmental harm - something the Government has strongly refused.

WWT and others have called for a series of amendments which would tone down what they see as the most damaging aspects of the Bill, while also suggesting measures to improve it such as adding safeguards for irreplaceable habitats like chalk streams.

But the Government has already rejected these and so now WWT has joined forces with the RSPB to call for the Nature Recovery part 3 of the Bill to be removed.

It sets out a new approach to dealing with environmen-

'Nature betrayed' as anger surges over planning Bill

tal impacts of development by streamlining current environmental rules by creating a simple 'nature restoration fund' that developers can pay into, via a one-off 'levy'.

The Office for Environmental Protection recently declared the Bill would cause further environmental harm.

Ed Green, chief executive of Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, said: "No10 and No 11 need a scapegoat for the failure of the present and previous governments to build the homes and infrastructure the economy needs, and in desperation have decided to blame nature."

"No one is fooled by this - we have to give wildlife a voice to protest its innocence and to point out how Keir Starmer and Rachel Reeves are breaking the promises made at the general election to rebuild our nation's finances and restore nature at the same time."

"Thanks to HS2 we can already see in Warwickshire

how our environment suffers when development is allowed to go ahead at unlimited cost to nature - if the Planning and Infrastructure Bill goes ahead in its current form, then we can expect that to be our future too."

A Government spokesperson said: "The Planning and Infrastructure Bill will maintain the existing legal and policy protections, while delivering a more strategic approach to improve the environment - and ultimately deliver more for nature not less."

"Current rules in the National Planning Policy Framework are clear that development resulting in the loss or deterioration or irreplaceable habitats including ancient woodland and ancient or veteran trees should be refused."

"This is not being changed through the Planning and Infrastructure Bill."



Warwickshire Wildlife Trust says the Planning & Infrastructure Bill fails nature.

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Delays at the Gibbet Hill junction between Rugby and Lutterworth are predicted to worsen without new investment.

Jam today and tomorrow 'unless A5 is upgraded'

by **Andy Morris**
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CONGESTION at a notorious bottleneck between Rugby and Lutterworth is set to increase over the next ten years.

New data from Midlands Connect shows that there could be an extra 6,800 vehicles a day using the A5 Gibbet Hill roundabout by 2035.

The organisation says it is 'compelling evidence' that government funding is needed to upgrade the A5/A426 junction, which is already said to be at 'critical mass'.

The new data predicts an increase in queues and delays at the roundabout - which is at the heart of the UK's 'Golden Logistics Triangle' - with knock-on effects on traffic to and from the M1

and M6.

Swati Mittal, Midlands Connect's Roads Programme Lead, said: "The A5 at Gibbet Hill and specifically around Rugby is one of Midlands Connect's priority road schemes, and this new data is more compelling evidence for the upgrades needed."

"The junction, if upgraded, could be a real engine of economic growth for the A5 and the whole country."

Rugby Borough Councillor Tony Gillias, chair of the A5 Partnership, said: "Local authorities such as Rugby have identified that the pace of growth is restricted because of the lack of investment in the A5 corridor, which should be moving traf-

fic in far greater volumes to the motorway networks from within the 'Golden Triangle' location.

"The A5 Partnership membership have understood for some time, that investment is absolutely paramount into the A5. All that is needed is government realisation of the future benefits to the national economy that this would bring."

Bill Cullen, chair of the A5 Executive Officer Group for the A5 Partnership, said Gibbet Hill was a key priority scheme for investment.

He said: "The A5 growth corridor forms the backbone of economic growth in the Midlands and urgently needs investment in schemes like this to ensure our roads and infrastructure keep pace with the investment taking place along the corridor."

Thumbs up for culture during Minister's visit

THE MINISTER for Heritage and Libraries has praised Rugby's cultural spaces during a visit to the town.

Baroness Twycross paid a visit to Rugby Library and the adjoining Rugby Art Gallery and Museum during Libraries Week.

Accompanied by Rugby MP John Slinger, the minister visited the library's Makerspace and received briefings from Ayub Khan, Head of Libraries, and Chris Ashton, Area Manager at Warwickshire County Council Libraries.

They toured the library, met staff, and spoke with library users before continuing on to the Art Gallery and Museum, where they were shown around by Senior Exhibitions and Programming Officer Katie Boyce.

They also met representatives from the Percival Guildhouse and viewed students' artwork and the heritage the Guildhouse preserves - both on display as part of the centre's Centenary Art and Archive Exhibition.

Mr Slinger highlighted how these welcoming public spaces offer people a reason to get out of the house, connect with others, and engage with local culture.

Baroness Twycross said: "Rugby is rightly proud of its library and gallery. Its cultural spaces are a remarkable resource for the local community."

"It's particularly important to highlight that these institutions are more than buildings - they're places where children's imaginations are sparked, where people of all ages connect, learn and are part of something bigger."



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Lace up and feel the love for Rugby

LACE-UP your running shoes in readiness for this summer's Love Rugby Festival Couch to 5K run.

The five-kilometre run starts and finishes at Whitehall Recreation Ground on Sunday July 6, taking in landmarks such as Rugby School, Caldecott Park and the Clock Tower.

Couch to 5K forms part of the NHS' Better Health programme and aims to guide novices from the couch to running five kilometres, one step at a time.

It is also part of the Love Rugby Festival's celebration of sport in the borough, while promoting the festival theme of improving mental and physical health.

Rugby Borough Council well-being spokeswoman Councillor Maggie O'Rourke said the scheme was a great opportunity for people to join together and make positive steps towards better mental and physical wellbeing.

"The NHS has a free Couch to 5K app you can download from your app store which takes you through the nine-week programme, and we really want residents to sign up and start training for the big day," she said.

The Love Rugby Festival Couch to 5K starts at 9am. Sign up at www.rugby.gov.uk/LoveRugby from today (Friday).

To support the run, the council opens the Rugby Athletics Track, in Bruce Williams Way, for free training sessions running from 7am to 9am and 9pm to 10pm, Monday to Friday, from now until the day of the run.

Runners just need to register attendance at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Centre before taking to the track.

The Love Rugby Festival runs from June 20 to July 6 and aims to create the borough's very own summer of love, with a packed programme featuring live music, theatre, art, heritage and sport.

Prolific pair are caged after shoplifting spree

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PROLIFIC thieves who targeted shops in Coventry have been jailed.

David Wills and James Bowley, both of no fixed address, were arrested by officers in the city in connection with a series of

offences throughout April and May.

Wills, 38, was identified from CCTV footage showing him entering a shop in Warwickshire Retail Park and filling his coat with items before leaving without paying.

This was followed by further thefts at the Airport Retail Park.

Wills was arrested by officers from the North East Neighbourhood, who charged him with the thefts, and with breaching his Criminal Behaviour Order.

As a result of breaching his order, Wills has been jailed for one year.

In the South North West sector, James Bowley, 35, was tracked down after targeting the same shop in Quorn Way on a number of occasions.

Officers identified and arrested him, and charged him with five offences.

He was sentenced to six weeks in prison when he appeared at Coventry Magistrates Court.

A Coventry Police spokesperson said: "Our officers across Coventry are continuing their efforts to arrest and prosecute persistent shop thieves in the city.

"With regular patrols and operations, we are keeping up the pressure on those responsible and are working with retailers to keep businesses safe.

"One of the key tools available to our teams is the Criminal Behaviour Order. These allow us to impose conditions on people and where they are allowed to go if they are known to commit crimes in a specific area.

"If they are found there, they can be immediately arrested and brought back before the courts, as well as handed a



James Bowley.

longer custodial sentence."

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David Wills.

News in brief

A DRUNK driver has been jailed after a passenger in his car died following when he crashed after leaving a Warwickshire pub

Steven Walsh, of Birch Road, Runcorn, was sentenced to seven years and six months for causing the death of one man and seriously injuring three other people while under the influence of alcohol.

On an evening in November 2023 Walsh got into his car, after having at least six pints of lager at two pubs in Brinklow.

He offered a lift to five people he had met earlier. Within minutes, he left the road after failing to negotiate a bend and hit a tree. Four of the passengers and Walsh himself were seriously injured - one of them, a teenager, later died after suffering injuries to his head, neck and spine.

PC Craig Pearson, from Warwickshire Police Serious Collision Investigation Unit, said: "Throughout the investigation, Walsh accepted responsibility and understood the devastating impact of his actions. "Unfortunately, by this time it was too late for him. Please don't think this can't happen to you. Do not drink and drive.

"People who drive under the influence of alcohol make a conscious decision to do so and these are the potential consequences."

EIGHT people have been charged in connection with disorder in Coventry city centre.

Police were called to reports of fighting in Primrose Hill Street at around 11.30pm on May 31.

One man, in his 20s, was found with stab injuries which were not serious.

Officers have since made a series of arrests following enquiries into who was involved.

Police have now charged eight men with affray, while a 17-year-old boy has been released on bail while enquiries continue.

The men charged are Joseph Disasi, 20, of no fixed address, Adil Hijazi, 18, from Liverpool; Siyaad Yaabarag, 20, of no fixed address, Tyree Lieng, 21, from Bedworth, and Coventry residents Wesley Osunde, 18, Issa Kasim, 20, Elhoussaine Aboushabha, 19, and Issa Aboushabha, 21.

They are all due to appear before Warwick Crown Court on July 1.



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Lifetime ban for neglecting pets

A **LIFETIME** animal ban has been handed to a Coventry woman who 'badly neglected' her pets leaving them to suffer in 'unsuitable' conditions.

Former bank manager Fiona Hillary Chester, 60, of Meadow Road was also sentenced to a 20 week suspended prison sentence, following an investigation and prosecution by the RSPCA.

Concerns about the welfare of pets at Chester's home were reported to the charity, who visited the address and uncovered animals living in unsuitable conditions, some with untreated health conditions, and many severely underweight.

Eleven dogs and a chicken were taken to the charity's Birmingham Animal Hospital where they were examined by a veterinary surgeon.

The dogs had symptoms including being underweight, struggling to walk, sores, fur loss, eye discharge and fleas. The chicken who was rescued was bald with feather loss.

The vet's report concluded the animals did not have their needs met due to failure to provide a suitable diet, environment, and failure to protect them from pain, suffering, injury, and disease.



Eleven dogs and a chicken were left to suffer in unsuitable conditions the court heard.

The animals who were in poor body condition or emaciated suffered unnecessarily due to malnutrition. One dog called Delta also suffered due to untreated orthopaedic issues. The suffering was deemed unnecessary and avoidable with proper care.

Delta had to be put down due to the severity of his condition.

The court heard that Chester, a former bank manager, had owned dogs all her life and had no previous convictions. She was struggling with depression and personal relationships at the time.

Alongside the life-long ani-

mal disqualification order, which she can not appeal against for ten years, she was sentenced at Coventry Magistrates Court to 20 weeks custody, suspended for 12 months. She must also pay \$514 and carry out 15 Rehabilitation Activity Requirement days.

RSPCA Inspector Vicki Taylor, said: "We'd plead to anyone who is struggling to cope with the care of their pets to reach out and ask for help. Sadly, these animals were badly neglected and were confined within a space that severely compromised their health and welfare."

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Mr Fixit's plea for repairability

A DIY guru who co-founded repair cafes in Rugby and Coventry is campaigning for the government to require manufacturers to label appliances for their repairability.

Martin Bryant made the call for a mandatory repairability score - similar to energy efficiency ratings on white goods - during Great Big Green Week, the annual celebration of action on climate change.

The system is currently used in France, while repairability ratings will appear on smartphones and tablets in the EU from today.

Martin, who lives near Coventry, says he despairs at some products' built-in obsolescence.

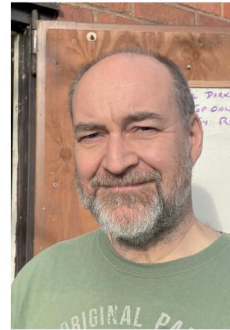
He said: "Once you start taking things apart, you can see how manufacturers think about how they can sell someone another one within two years."

"An example of something we can't fix is electric toothbrushes.

"They're very reliable, but the manufacturers weld the battery in.

"The batteries are always the first thing to go."

Martin helped to found the Rugby Repair Cafe in



DIY guru Martin Bryant co-founded repair cafes in Rugby and Coventry.

2019 at St Andrew's Church, before it moved last year to Rugby Eco Hub at the top of Bath Street.

It has grown from holding one session a month to two, with an average of ten repairs per session, getting through around 40 repairs at a time.

The Coventry branch, now located in the Central Library, was set up in 2022. Memorable repairs have included a couple of cuckoo clocks and a life-sized ani-

matronic Elvis head.

Martin says he sees his purpose as 'to educate as well as fix,' enabling people to become more discerning consumers, and more aware of how things work.

"My pleasure comes in converting people. I want to help them understand that they can do repairs themselves and keep stuff out of landfill."

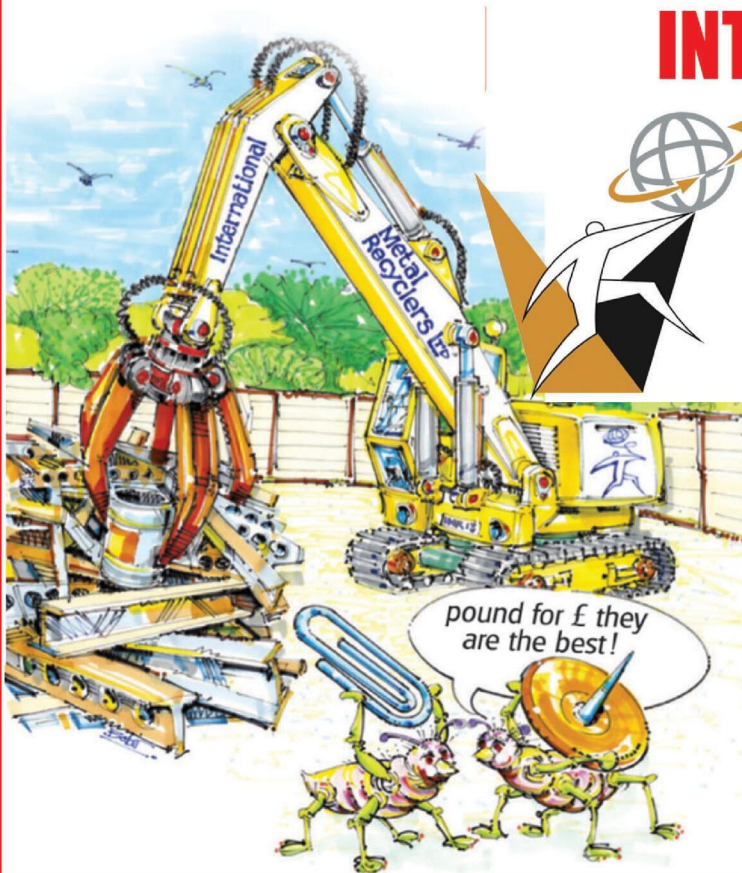
Some of his repairers, he notes, are people who originally came to the cafe admitting they hadn't tried to mend a broken item, before he built their DIY confidence by showing them how it's done.

"The last thing you should do is just bin it - try and get it working again.

"There is someone out there who wants what you've got."

And to avoid impulse purchases of items which might only be used once or twice, he suggests 'tool libraries' like the one at Rugby EcoHub.

"Borrow it, use it a few times, and you'll have much more knowledge about what you want. You won't spend your money on something that takes up valuable space and never gets used again."



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Myton's GPs are leading the way

A ONE of a kind GP information clinic run by The Myton Hospices is sparking national interest.

Hospices across the UK are now exploring this new approach to improving early access to palliative and end of life care.

By breaking down misconceptions around hospice care, the clinics, set up by the charity, that has hospices in Coventry, Warwick and Rugby, are helping ensure more people receive the support they need earlier in their illness.

After a successful pilot in 2021 with 15 GP practices in Coventry, Myton has spent four years developing and refining the model, supporting hundreds of patients and their loved ones.

Myton's GP Information Clinics now use a hybrid model that sees a monthly clinic operating across two Primary Care Networks in Warwick district.

The clinics are designed to ensure people with life-limiting illnesses are connected with the right support earlier in their illness. Working in partnership with Primary Care Networks helps stream-



The Myton Hospices is the only hospice to be offering this unique service.

line referral paths, build a better understanding of hospice care, and support patients and their carers to feel more confident in accessing available support from the point of diagnosis.

And the clinics also strengthen relationships with GP practices, ensuring more healthcare professionals understand the full range of services Myton offers.

Myton's community engagement manager Olivia Bowskill said: "I am incredibly proud of the difference our GP information clinics have made – not just to the patients we've seen here at Myton, but in the way it's

helping to transform perceptions of hospice care within the community.

"Many of the people we've supported through these clinics would not have accessed our services as early otherwise, and that early intervention can make such a difference to someone's quality of life.

"We are, I believe, the only hospice offering this unique service that is fully embedded within the GP practice setting and it's so important to share our learnings so that more people can benefit.

Visit www.mytonhospice.org for more details.



Bishop Sophie was presented with gifts symbolising Coventry and Warwickshire - including a goose quill from Shakespeare's home town Stratford.

SPECIAL DAY: HUNDREDS gathered in Coventry Cathedral to welcome the Right Reverend Sophie Jelley as the tenth Bishop of Coventry.

The service marked the beginning of Bishop Sophie's public ministry in the Diocese of Coventry - and was the first time she delivered a sermon at a service in the cathedral in her new role.

The service began with songs from a choir made up of schoolchildren.

Next, a procession of clergy, readers and visiting bishops moved down the nave, followed by a civic procession which included the mayors of Stratford, Warwick and Whitnash - the Lord Mayor of Coventry and the Lord Lieutenant for the West Midlands.

Finally, the new bishop and her procession proceeded from the Ruins, via the Queen's Steps, to the West Screen.

During the service, Bishop Sophie was presented with the Diocesan crozier as

well as some gifts symbolising Coventry and Warwickshire - such as a goose quill from Shakespeare's home town Stratford, and a model car symbolising Coventry's engineering legacy and its ongoing spirit of innovation.

In her inaugural sermon, Bishop Sophie held a brick made from Coventry Demolition Company which specialises in taking broken things and repurposing them. She talked about Coventry's unique purpose of reconciliation, of taking broken things and making them anew.

She said: "Please don't ever think that your life has to be presentable before you can join in or offer God your humble life, for just like this brick he specialises in taking the broken pieces of life and making them into something truly beautiful."

At the conclusion of the service, ice-cream was served, accompanied by music from a jazz band.

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30th anniversary couples urged to register their celebrations

by Ian Hughes
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COUPLES who married in Warwickshire in 1995 are being invited to share their ceremony memories with Warwickshire Registration Service.

Like those couples, Warwickshire Registration Service is celebrating the 30th anniversary of licensed venues being available across the county.

A licensed ceremony venue is classed as a permanent immovable structure which satisfies planning, health and safety and fire regulations.

Since the Covid pandemic, the law was also updated to allow ceremonies to take place anywhere outside of a licensed venue structure provided it is still within the boundary. A licensed venue must have a seemingly suitable space for ceremonies to take place in and must be open to the public with no religious connections.

The registration team want to speak with any couples who married in Warwickshire 30 years ago, especially in a licensed venue, and who would be happy for the service to share some of their lovely marital memories, photos, or ceremony stories.

In return, Warwickshire Registration Service is offering all

participating couples the option of a free Renewal of Vows ceremony at one of Warwickshire's five registration office ceremony rooms available across the county.

To share your 1995 ceremony memories with the Warwickshire Registration Service team, email registration@warwickshire.gov.uk.

Rob Powell, WCC executive director for resources, said: "This is a great opportunity for couples who legally married in the county in 1995 to share their stories and celebrate 30 years of marriage alongside Warwickshire Registration Service celebrating 30 years of licensed venues in Warwickshire.

"Our Registration Service team deliver outstanding personal service for couples to enjoy wonderful ceremony experiences across Warwickshire, and they look forward to hearing from 1995 couples about the memories of their special day".

The first licensed venue ceremony in Warwickshire took place at The Belfry in Atherstone on August 4, 1995, closely followed by a ceremony at Salford Hall in Stratford the following day..

Prior to licensed venues, residents would only be able to have a religious ceremony or a civil ceremony at a register office.

But today Warwickshire Registration Service has an online directory on Ceremonies in Warwickshire website featuring all



the current Warwickshire registration office ceremony rooms and licensed venues available. These range from castles, manors, and country houses to hotels, museums, and theatres. Ceremonies may also take place in locations of your choice with Registration Service's exciting Duo Ceremony package.

Carolyn and Anthony – A simple wedding, a lasting love

On a wintry Saturday, Carolyn and Anthony married in a no-fuss, joy-filled civil ceremony at Rugby Register Office on the 16th of December 1995.

With just their children and two close friends in attendance - and no

one else even aware of their plans - the couple pulled off what might be one of Warwickshire's most charmingly understated weddings.

"We didn't want a big event," Carolyn shared. "It was my second wedding, and we were very laid-back. We hadn't told anyone - not even our families."

The couple arrived separately at the register office with their friends and children, who believed they were simply going for a pre-Christmas meal. The two registrars kindly cut their lunch break short to host the service early, even choosing Bryan Adams' "Everything I Do (I Do It for You)" as the ceremony music. A single card from the registrars remains a treasured keepsake.

After the ceremony, the group headed to a local village pub for lunch and champagne before surprising Anthony's family with the big news later that evening at his mother's birthday dinner.

Their entire wedding day, from ceremony to celebration, cost under £300 - an amount almost unthinkable by today's standards.

"I love the fact we had a simple service that we enjoyed and remember with great affection," added Carolyn.

Carolyn and Anthony, like Warwickshire Registration Service, celebrate their 30th anniversary this year.



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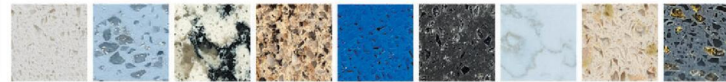


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Helping the tourism industry to go green and extend the season

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SUSTAINABLE tourism in Warwickshire is the aim of a new partnership.

Shakespeare's England has launched its first-ever Sustainability Action Plan in conjunction with the Global Destination Sustainability Movement (GDS-Movement), which is one of the world's most trusted change agencies, helping cities and regions around the world become more sustainable, resilient, and regenerative.

Through the GDS-Index - its trusted performance improvement programme - the GDS-Movement empowers tourism and event professionals with the mindsets, skills, and tools needed to drive lasting social, environmental, and economic transformation.

The Sustainability Action Plan focuses on three key areas including the environment, and the social and economic impact of tourism.

Environmental focuses include growing the use of public transport, increasing the number of tourism businesses with a sustainability certification from 55 per cent to 75 per cent, while reducing carbon emissions by 50 per cent by 2030.

Plans to drive further engagement with the county's residents are also underway, including providing opportunities for residents to

feedback on tourism matters, and for them to be treated as tourists for the day in their own region with suggested itineraries.

To increase the economic impact of tourism in the region, Shakespeare's England is also developing a campaign to promote out-of-season visits, alongside hosting or supporting a dedicated careers fair to connect schools and colleges with tourism businesses.

The plan was launched at the carbon-neutral Shakespeare Distillery during Big Green Week - which is the UK's biggest celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature.

Darren Tosh, marketing and operations director at Shakespeare's England, said: "While sustainability is becoming increasingly important - especially in tourism - it can be difficult to clearly define and measure, and so our action plan is setting out to change this.

"What does a sustainable tourist destination look like for Warwickshire?"

"It means more use of public transport tied with close monitoring of passenger habits, it means all tourism businesses know how to adopt regenerative habits into their everyday operations, and it means creating a healthy pipeline of the next generation of workers to support the local economy.

"This action plan marks the start of a long-term journey that is seek-



Darren Tosh and Sian Smith from Shakespeare's England with distiller Sam Evans at Shakespeare Distillery.

ing to achieve tangible results, and has been informed following input from both tourism businesses on the ground and the GDS-Movement."

The launch of the action plan at Shakespeare Distillery comes off the back of the distillery being certified carbon neutral in 2022.

Since then the company has further reduced its carbon emissions by 45 per cent, investing in a new electric delivery van and energy efficient stills, as well as offering a

bottle re-fill scheme. The distillery is now run on 100 per cent renewable energy with solar panels on the roof and uses a fully carbon neutral waste management company.

Peter Monks, director at Shakespeare Distillery said "We understand the importance of measurable, practical steps towards sustainability.

"Whether it's investing in more sustainable packaging, sourcing local ingredients, or offering bottle

re-fills, we're committed to reducing our environmental impact year after year. It's inspiring to see our region taking collective action through this plan - creating a greener, more resilient future for Warwickshire's tourism industry."

Visit www.shakespeares-england.co.uk for more information about Shakespeare's England's sustainability action plan.

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The Love Rugby Festival is a celebration of arts, music, sports, and family entertainment, bringing the community together for an unforgettable experience.

From live performances showcasing local musicians to theatre shows, the festival offers something for everyone. Families can enjoy fun activities, and hands-on arts and crafts.

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See the festival guide and register for the fun run at: rugby.gov.uk/loverugby

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Review

Hamlet rocks in a princely show

Hamlet: Hail To The Thief
Royal Shakespeare Theatre

EXISTENTIAL angst, desperate thoughts and a mind spiralling out of control, it's not hard to see how the dark music of Radiohead would complement the Bard's classic. But who knew just how well it would add such layers of understanding and poignancy in a quite remarkable match-up?

This is theatre on a powerful scale from the off. A towering set, stage smoke of rock gig proportions and bass resonances to set the theatre seats shaking.

Masters of the melancholy Radiohead's name is all over this production and Tom Yorke's menacing orchestrations of the group's tracks are ever present in the hands of a top notch band.

But perhaps the most impressive thing about this production is that if all the additional elements - the music, the movement,

the visuals etc - were temporarily shelved, it would still be a terrific Hamlet. Richly detailed, perfectly balanced and with an enviable clarity of purpose this is a Hamlet to stand alongside any of the many stand-out offerings the RSC has hosted.

Fine performances come from the whole company across all disciplines. Clear characterisation sits with committed and impressive dance and movement from all. Those called on to sing also step up to the mark.

Samuel Blenkin's Hamlet is pitch-perfect, delivering a vulnerability and an instability tempered with moments of delicious comic wit. His descent through dismay and anger into madness is wonderfully observed.

Hamlet's juddering decline is matched elsewhere in a production not short on madness. Paul Hilton gives Claudius a seriously deranged aspect and Ami Tredrea's Ophelia similarly succumbs to terminal mental collapse.

Having Ophelia repeat Hamlet's famous monologue of suicidal thinking was a masterstroke.

There are superb set-pieces throughout. From the crashing entry of the ghost, through Ophelia's funeral to the final choreographed fight, there's never a moment to look away.

Steven Hoggett and Christine Jones's production sees a lot chopped out perhaps as a concession to fitting in so much music and movement but with the welcome effect of speeding the action along. At an hour and 40 minutes played without a break it's relentless but utterly compelling.

Hamlet deals with terrible, bleak themes and the addition of some of Radiohead's darkest moments ought to make things worse, but somehow this rather hellish marriage makes for one of the most stirring, uplifting productions in many a season.

Matthew Salisbury



A time to dance: Hamlet Hail to the Thief. Picture by Manuel Harlan.

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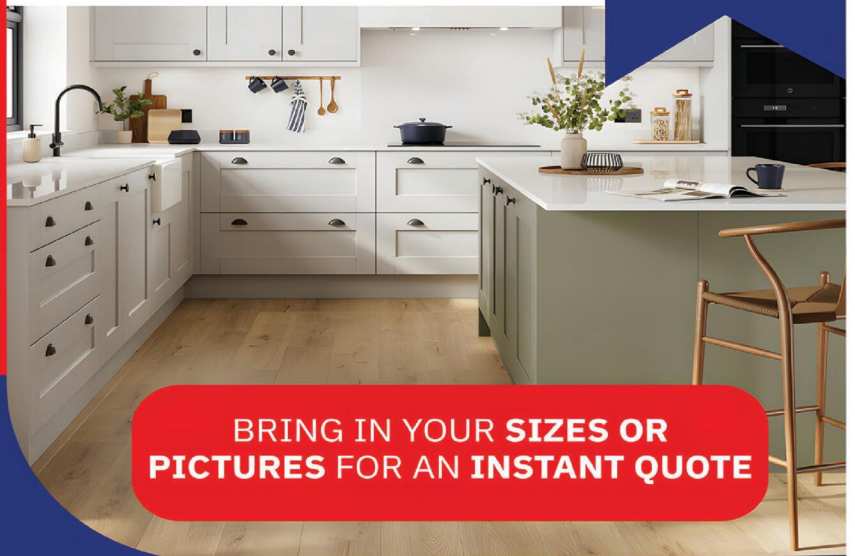
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RIGHT - Craig the magician and balloon expert kept kids entertained.

LEFT - Bradby Trustee and Fundraising Committee.

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Rugby School Head Gardener Paul Thornton ran the ever-popular plant stall.

Partying on for club

VITAL funds were raised for a Rugby youth club at its annual summer Garden Party.

The Bradby Club's Garden Party was held at Bilton Grange Prep School by invitation of Headmaster Gareth Jones, co hosted by his wife Gemma Jones and Amanda Parker-Jones, wife of the Headmaster of Rugby School.

A bad weather forecast initially moved events indoors, with tables set up in the Library and the Gallery where they were entertained by the musical duo of Kirsten Gray and Geoff Tooley.

When conditions cleared up in the afternoon, guests were

able to wander into the garden and purchase plants and floral tubs from the plants stall, run by Rugby School's head gardener Paul Thornton.

Guests were served afternoon tea which they washed down with Pimms and prosecco, before heading to the ice-cream van for dessert.

A raffle run by the Bradby Club was well-supported, and children were entertained by face painting, a magician and a bouncy castle.

The event raised much-needed funds for The Bradby Club, which has been working with young people in Rugby for 106 years. Its open-access evenings provide

a safe centre for young people, with sport, cookery, residential courses and more. Professional youth workers offer informal education in safe relationships and substance misuse in schools and other clubs.

Alison Ross, a Bradby Trustee and Chair of the Fundraising Committee, said: "The Garden Party is our major fundraiser for the year and the club needs every penny it can get. We are incredibly busy with young and older members, young carers and a large number of boxers who train at the club most days of the week."



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New film project turns spotlight on bereavement and LGBTQIA+

by Ian Hughes
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A NEW community film project from The University of Warwick is inviting LGBTQIA+ people in the Midlands with a terminal diagnosis, and those close to them, to share their stories on camera.

The film project aims to improve palliative and bereavement support for LGBTQIA+ communities by highlighting voices currently not represented in end-of-life care resources.

Capturing real-life experiences and stories on film aims to challenge assumptions and, by deepening understanding of the diverse needs and realities faced by LGBTQIA+ people at the end of life, serve as a tool for education, empathy, and change in the training of clinicians and care providers.

Among those taking part is Dr Trevor Yellon, a GP who lost his husband, Drew, to cancer in 2023. Struggling to find appropriate bereavement support for gay men, Trevor believes the films will help break stereotypes and show the depth, commitment, and love in LGBTQIA+ relationships.

He said: "I wanted to speak about what I'd experienced and how I was feeling to someone who shares my culture."

"I needed someone who could understand why, as a gay man,



Helen Juffs (left) Compassionate Communities UK with Professor Michele Aaron.

some elements of my loss felt different and difficult - and I wasn't able to do that. I think this project is so important as it will not only create awareness of the needs of LGBTQIA+ communities at end of

life and during bereavement, but also give insight into our real lives,

our monogamous, committed long-term relationships, and our care, love and grief."

The project is led by Michele Aaron, Professor of Film and Television Studies at The University of Warwick, who hopes the films can help make end-of-life care more

inclusive.

She said: "Being at the end of our lives is an intensely vulnerable time when we all want to feel protected and cared for."

"But research by end-of-life charity Marie Curie indicates LGBTQIA+ communities can feel reluctant to

access end-of-life healthcare and bereavement services, as they're worried about discrimination. Trans people can find the prospect particularly daunting.

"End-of-life care providers have a huge role to play in creating safe and inclusive spaces for everyone's needs to be met, and film is an important education tool. By capturing and sharing these stories of lived experience, we can inform training materials that generate real understanding and change, and challenge inequitable access to support."

The project builds on Professor Aaron's earlier work on end-of-life experience, where films were shared globally and turned into palliative care training resources.

The project is a collaboration between the university, filmmaker El Jones, and charity Compassionate Communities UK.

Support for project participants is being provided by Helen Juffs, for Compassionate Communities UK. As a trained 'end-of-life doula', she offers emotional support and advocacy, practical assistance, and companionship to those coping with a terminal diagnosis.

LGBTQIA+ people across the Midlands can contact Helen Juffs at 07349 908877 or featherfoot.hj@gmail.com. Filming can be arranged to suit each person's needs, and contributions can remain entirely anonymous if preferred.

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Godiva calling for volunteers

A RALLYING call has been issued to residents to volunteer for this year's Godiva Festival.

The popular annual event takes place in Coventry's War Memorial Park on July 4-6.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of roles, such as front of house, street theatre escort or members of the family field team - all of which involve working closely with the community.

Coun Abdul Salam Khan, Coventry City Council's Cabinet Member for Events, said there were lots of exciting volunteer roles.

"This is a great opportunity for residents to get involved in the flagship summer festival in Coventry.

"It has been shown that volunteering is great for health and social wellbeing and with the incentives including free access to the festival, this is a lovely opportunity to be part of something really special."

Benefits for volunteers include access to the festival, complimentary lunch and parking as well as the opportunity to work with EnV, a Queen's Award winning social enterprise for volunteering.

David Boughey MBE from EnV said: "The annual Godiva



Godiva Festival volunteers get access to the festival and a complimentary lunch.

Festival certainly ranks high among the highlight moments over the years that the volunteers and I come away from thinking 'Wow! What a weekend.'

"We are really looking forward to welcoming new and existing team members again this year who will be providing their time, energy and support to help make Godiva Festival 2025 great for everyone who visits."

Pete, who led a Godiva Festival volunteer team in 2024, said: "Being a Godiva Festival Volunteer is a fantastic opportunity to be

part of an exciting event for Coventry.

"It is great to welcome all the visitors as well as help and support across lots of activities for all the family."

"I enjoy being able to make a difference."

He added taking part in events with EnV was like joining a big, supportive family but with the extra advantage of volunteers knowing they were supporting the city.

All applicants must be aged 18 or over.

Email the EnV Volunteer Team at ev.volunteers@env.uk.com for more.



Fun and frolics at the Godiva Festival.

Get in the zones in the Family Field

FUN activities lined up for this year's Godiva Festival's Family Field have been revealed.

The festival, which takes place from July 4 to 6, has announced events taking place in the Family Field, featuring four unique zones.

The Country Zone will be home to Farm Circus magic, juggling and acrobatics, all-natural arts and crafts like leaf printing or bark rubbing, and Shaun the Sheep's Farmathlon challenge.

The City Zone enables attendees to get a sweat on at award-winning entertainer Sohan Kailey's family bhanga workshop or get searching for special guest Bluey.

In the Beach Zone, people can build sandcastles, or enjoy a pirate comedy show

with a side of sunshine, both soundtracked by the Phase One Steel Pan Orchestra.

And The Adventure Zone offer thrills at the caving experience, fast-paced sports activities and mini roller-coaster.

This year the Family Field will be sponsored by Coventry College, which will provide taster experiences.

Gemma Knott, vice principal of business growth at Coventry College, said: "We're looking forward to reaching out to the heart of the community with our activities which include tasters from our very talented hair and beauty, performing arts and music staff and learners plus lots more planned."

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Coventry celebrates Armed Forces Day 2025

The annual Armed Forces Day is being celebrated in Coventry on Saturday 28 June.

All are invited to the Service of Thanksgiving in Holy Trinity Church at 10.30am which is then followed by a parade leading into Broadgate where the city says thank you to those who serve and their families, veterans and cadets.

Following the church service the parade

will be led by the 13th Coventry Scout Band and commences from the side of Holy Trinity Church at 11.30am, goes into Cuckoo Lane, Pepper Lane, High Street and then into Broadgate where there will be a civic salute from the presentation stage.

Broadgate will also play host to a number of organisations showcasing their support and raising awareness of their services in support of the city's armed forces.

People are invited to come along and show the armed forces the city's support and pay tribute to all the brave service personnel and their families.

The Lord Mayor of the City of Coventry, Cllr Rachel Lancaster said, "I am very proud to be part of Armed Forces Day and to be able to join with the residents of the city to say thank you to our service women and men."

"In these times of conflict, it's a chance to show how grateful we are to all those who have served, are serving and the families that support them, and the support we receive from the armed services in the city's work for peace."

On the day, the Armed Forces Day flag will be raised on buildings and famous landmarks around the country, including Coventry's Council House.

David Fellows, Chair of the Coventry branch of the Royal Naval Association said, "Armed Forces Day is not only an opportunity to show support for our Forces but also show we have respect for those who are charged with the protection of our beliefs and values."

"The Armed Services are on call 24/7, 365 days a year, they respond to natural

disasters, take part in Air/Sea rescues, work in the NHS alongside doctors and nurses and are always there to step up when needed."

"Armed Forces Reserves, who work in all walks of life, are also ready to act when needed."

Coventry is a member of the Armed Forces Covenant which is a promise to look after current and former service personnel and their families.

You can find out more about the national day, events and how to get involved by visiting armedforcesday.org.uk

Details of Coventry's Armed Forces Day can be found at coventry.gov.uk/armedforcesday

Anyone interested in finding out about the RNA, can visit the website royal-naval-association.co.uk



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coventry.gov.uk/armedforcesday

'USA trade deal boosts region'

THE 'DONE deal' between the USA and UK is hugely positive news for the region, according to Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber.

The deal will see tariffs on car exports from the UK to the USA drop from 27.5 per cent to ten per cent, and a commitment to remove tariffs from aerospace parts completely, which currently stand at ten per cent.

Chamber chief executive Corin Crane believed the deal would be welcomed by key industries to the region's economy. He also encouraged more firms across the region to grow their overseas markets to bolster growth.

"The economy of our region has evolved over the years, but the car industry is still very important to us and is fundamental to our success, so it is hugely positive news for the president and prime minister to announce they've reached a deal in this area.

"I know it has taken a lot of hard work behind the scenes to reach this agreement with the US, which looks to be bearing fruit. The supply chain in our area will be thrilled with this news after



Corin Crane has welcomed the 'done deal' between the USA and UK.

months of uncertainty. "It's not only the car industry, we've got a strong base of aerospace businesses in Coventry, Warwickshire and the wider Midlands too, and this deal benefits them too. "The government has also made progress with India and the EU, which is a real sign that global trade is vitally important to our future growth.

"I would urge businesses across the region to get in touch with the team at the chamber to find out how

they can be supported with exporting. It might be something that's brand new to them or they may be looking to expand their markets overseas, we've got a great team that can help them.

"Doing business internationally is proven to increase a businesses' chances of growth, make it more efficient and more resilient."

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Plumbing apprentice Ben Mills is one of three winners of The Nation's A* Trades Apprentice Award.

Ben has talent and tools for the job

WINNING awards certainly wasn't a pipe-dream for one plumbing apprentice.

Ben Mills, from Warwick, is one of three winners of The Nation's A* Trades Apprentice Award 2025.

The award aims to celebrate the work of trades apprentices across the UK while also highlighting the important role apprentices play in the future of the construction industry.

Ben received a development package including a Festool toolkit and accessories worth £4,000, 24-hour tools cover for a year from Markel Direct and a voucher to spend on trades clothing at workwear and tools

provider ITS.

Ben was nominated by his college mentor, Amanda Bodycote.

She said: "Ben has shown a depth of willingness and determination to succeed and a huge amount of resilience along the way to overcome the hurdles he found himself facing. He works incredibly hard at everything he does, whether that's in college or at work with his employer."

Ben added: "Winning the prize is really going to help me with my work as I'll have better quality tools which I can become comfortable with, and hopefully improve my competency."

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Fleur Sexton has been awarded an MBE for services to the community in Coventry.

SERVICES to Coventry and Warwickshire and beyond by dedicated individuals have been honoured in the King's Birthday Honours List.

by Ian Hughes
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DAVID KEENE, one of the UK's driving forces in autonomous vehicles, has been awarded an MBE for his services to the decarbonisation of airports.

The founder of Coventry-based Aurrigo International has over 40 years of experience working in the automotive sector and developing driverless technology and intelligent mobility in aviation.

The entrepreneur from Kenilworth was recognised for pioneering one of the most significant innovations the aviation world has seen in four decades with the launch of Auto-DollyTug – an autonomous vehicle that is moving luggage and cargo around six airports across the world.

Designed, developed and built at the firm's Advanced Engineering Centre in Coventry, the electric powered tugs are promising to cut emissions, increase operational performance and, most importantly, improve passenger experience.

The MBE comes just a few weeks after Aurrigo International secured its largest agreement to date, entering into a strategic partnership with Swissport to launch at Zurich Airport and then explore future implementation at other locations across the world.

David said: "When you've been in business for four decades, nothing tends to surprise you...until this!

"Aurrigo has come a long way since I started the business in my spare room in 1993. Whilst automotive components – mainly wiring looms and electronics – are still a major part of the business, it is our 'first to market' work in autonomous aviation vehicles that is catching the media headlines."

"It is such a massive honour to be recognised by King Charles, but the MBE is really for all the team that have played such a key role in our growth and success to date. They've believed in the dream, and it is their skills, expertise and technical knowledge that has transported us to the front of the autonomous conversation."

David, who coined the intelligent Ground Support Equipment (iGSE) phrase

that is sweeping aviation, is a passionate ambassador for UK manufacturing and in encouraging more young people into engineering.

Academia is important to him, and he has forged strong relationships with Aston, Warwick, and Coventry universities, giving students/researchers the opportunity to explore new R&D and embed lessons from working with his company's advanced vehicles and technology into their learning.

His selfless passion for mobility has also seen him commit 100 hours plus of voluntary service to the UK Automotive Council, Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, local Universities and Galgotias University in India, where he lectures international students on automated vehicles.

These roles, which he has done for more than a decade, provide the small company viewpoint on the development of technologies, business support, funding, and industry regulation.

David concluded: "We are building something really exciting in the UK that positions us as a real driving force in the world of auto-

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mous vehicles for aviation."

Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust is celebrating three of its current and former staff members being recognised for their exceptional service to healthcare and the community.

Chief nursing officer **Mary Mumvari** received an MBE for services to mental health, consultant psychiatrist **Professor Muhammed Javed** an OBE, also for services to mental health, and former trust chair **Professor Jagtar Singh** a CBE for services to the NHS.

Mel Coombes, chief executive of CWPT, said, "We are absolutely thrilled to see Jagtar, Mary, and Professor Javed recognised at a national level.

"Their contributions have had a lasting impact not only within our Trust but across the NHS and the communities we serve."

Mary is known for her dedication to professional excellence in nursing, Mary has led transformational changes in patient safety, workforce development, and compassionate care. Her work has strengthened the voice of nurses across mental health, learning disability, and community services.

Javed supports individuals with complex mental health needs and is widely respected for his clinical expertise and

patient-centred care.

Jagtar has provided demonstrated leadership and commitment to advancing equality, diversity, and inclusion during. Jagtar leaves a lasting legacy of inclusive leadership and having helped shape a culture of accountability and fairness across the trust and wider health system during his ten-year tenure as CWPT's chair.

A training provider has been awarded an MBE for services to the community in Coventry.

Fleur Sexton, the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of the West Midlands, set up PET-Xi Training to empower people to reach their full potential. It has been working with people in Coventry since 1995 to help young people succeed in exams and provide successful futures.

Working with hundreds of schools around the country, it has gone on to help over 200,000 people aged 14-64 gain qualifications, including 132,000 high risk students returning to mainstream life and 10,000 vulnerable people finding employment.

As chair of Coventry Music Trust, she has created opportunities for 75 children annually from deprived areas to learn and perform music.

Other local citizens honoured included:

Professor Peter Kent, former headmaster of

Lawrence Sheriff School in Rugby and current Chair of trustees at The Griffin Primary School, was made an OBE for his outstanding services to education.

Tracy Westall, non-executive director for the Department for Transport, received an OBE for services to the digital sector and to diversity.

Julian Hetherington, Automotive Transformation Director at the Advanced Propulsion Centre at the University of Warwick, received an MBE for services to business investment and growth.

Anne Fenton, home manager at Birmingham Children's Trust received an MBE for services to children with disabilities and their families.

David Meredith, chair of the Albany Theatre Trust, has been received a British Empire Medal for his outstanding contributions to theatre and the community in Coventry.

Alison Ross, of the Bradby Club in Rugby, was awarded a British Empire Medal for services to Young People and the community in the town.

Jonathan Pullen received a British Empire Medal for services to military charities.

Meanwhile **Aruna Mistry** was awarded a British Empire Medal for services to higher education.



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THE BLINDING BEST: How one Coventry business is raising the bar (and the blinds!)

In a world of quick fixes and throwaway trends, it's refreshing to find a company where craftsmanship, care and community still matter.

Step into the world of Brixham Blinds, and you'll soon see it's not just about dressing windows – it's about transforming homes. Based in the heart of Coventry and proudly serving the West Midlands, Brixham Blinds is a shining example of what happens when passion meets precision. With a service as

seamless as their sleek roller blinds, owner Zak Mangeri has spent the past ten years building something truly special: a local business that combines top-tier products with good old-fashioned service. "At Brixham Blinds, we pride ourselves on being more than just a supplier," Zak says. "We provide a made-to-measure service, tailored exactly to each customer's needs, no matter the size, style or shape of their space." And it shows. With 100% five-star reviews and an ever-growing number of loyal customers, Zak and his team have become the go-to for

both homeowners and tradespeople across the region. Whether you're styling a single window or outfitting a whole development, Brixham Blinds offers free consultations, expert advice, and solutions for every question you can think of. From minimalist vertical blinds for a contemporary living room to dramatic Roman blinds that give your kitchen a five-star feel, there's truly something for everyone. Their extensive collection includes roller, venetian, pleated, woodweave, blackout blinds and classic shutters – each one carefully crafted using high-quality materials, and all compliant with the latest child safety regulations. And if you're in the trade? You're in good hands too. "We work closely with builders, interior designers, and property developers to deliver bespoke blinds at competitive trade prices," Zak explains. "Everything is made to measure, and everything is backed by our five-year guarantee." Speed, too, is part of the Brixham promise. "We know timing is everything," Zak smiles. "That's why we offer a seven-day fitting promise and aim to get your blinds measured within 48 hours of consultation." It's that kind of commitment that keeps the rave



reviews rolling in: "Absolutely delighted with all of my blinds. Professional, lovely to deal with and the quality is superb." "They look fantastic. Lovely staff and very quick turnaround. Highly recommended." "Excellent service from start to finish. My blinds were fitted within a week of ordering them." And let's not forget the fitting. Brixham Blinds offers a no-obligation measuring service, a seven-day fitting promise, and a generous five-year guarantee. That's not just service - it's peace of mind. As someone who's wrestled with wonky DIY blinds in the past (hello, lopsided Ikea disaster), I can't tell you what a relief it is to meet

someone who gets it right the first time. Zak and his team don't just fit blinds - they make your house feel like a happy and well functioning home. Whether you're chasing that dreamy, show-home look or just want a better night's sleep in total blackout bliss, Brixham Blinds is ready to help you reimagine your space – beautifully, affordably, and reliably. With Zak at the helm, it's clear this Coventry gem isn't just good... They're the blinding best. Ready to find your perfect fit? Browse their collection online or book a free, no-obligation quote. The blind of your dreams is just a consultation away.



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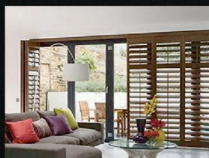
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Warning issued over measles resurgence as cases start to rise

HEALTH chiefs have issued a warning to parents after an increase in measles cases across the West Midlands and the UK.

And, as many people get ready for summer travel, there are fears over further outbreaks.

According to the UK Health Security Agency, measles outbreaks will continue across the UK, with 109 confirmed cases in April and

86 in May.

The cases were predominantly found in unvaccinated children aged 10 years or under.

Of these, there have been seven confirmed cases within the West Midlands and almost half of all cases occurring in London.

This increase coincides with an increasing number of measles cases within Europe as a whole.

'Serious illness'

UK Health Security Agency Regional Deputy Director in the West Midlands, Katie Spence, said: "Measles can cause serious illness and while most people will recover completely within a couple of weeks, the virus can sometimes leave permanent disability and can even be fatal.

"Measles is very infectious and can spread rapidly among communities, if people have not had at least one dose of the MMR vaccine."

Since January 1, there have been 420 laboratory confirmed measles cases reported in England, with a number of regions reporting outbreaks.

A total of 25 per cent of cases appeared within the North West and 11 per cent in the West Midlands.

People are urged to receive vaccinations, which have prevented at least 20million cases and 4,500 deaths in the UK since its

introduction in 1968.

The UK Health Security Agency fears cases may increase as UK citizens, specifically those with young children, travel for the summer.

Those most at risk

Infants aged under one year and people with weakened immune systems are at a larger risk of serious illness and complications upon contracting the disease, though there are also many reported cases among healthy young people and adults.

Consultant Epidemiologist at the UK Health Security Agency, Dr Vanessa Saliba, said: "It's essential everyone, particularly parents of young children, check all family members are up-to-date with two MMR doses, especially if you are travelling this summer holidays or visiting family.

"Measles spreads very easily and can be a nasty disease, leading to complications like ear and chest infections and inflammation of the brain with some children tragically ending up in hospital and suffering life-long consequences."

People are urged to contact their GP surgery if they believe they have not received two doses of the vaccine.

This is especially important if they are about to start college or university, are travelling overseas, are planning a pregnancy, are a

frontline health or social care worker or if they work with young children.

National Director for Primary Care and Community Services at NHS England, Dr. Amanda Doyle, said: "The first MMR vaccine is offered to infants when they turn one and the second dose to pre-school children when they are around three years and four months old.

"Around 99 per cent of those who have two doses will be protected against measles and rubella."

Symptoms

People should be aware of measles' symptoms.

They usually start with cold-like symptoms, such as a high temperature, a runny or blocked nose, sneezing, a cough and red, sore, watery eyes.

These are followed by a rash a few days later which starts on the face and behind the ears before spreading to the rest of the body.

Some people may also get small spots in their mouth.

Anyone who suspects they or their child has measles should call NHS 111 or their GP to get an appointment.

People are being urged to be aware of measles symptoms, which include a rash that spreads to the whole body. s



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Complete the grid so that every row, every column and every 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

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PATHFINDER

Beginning with the top highlighted letter, follow a continuous path of words associated with the given subject. The trail goes through each letter once, twisting up, down and sideways, but never diagonally.

Battles in the British Isles

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ACROSS

- 6. Liberty (7)
- 7. Lid (5)
- 9. Insane (3)
- 10. Impromptu (9)
- 12. Essay (11)
- 15. Cheeky (11)
- 17. Deeply shocked (9)
- 19. In favour of (3)
- 21. Scatter (5)
- 22. Attack (7)

DOWN

- 1. Handle (5)
- 2. Determined (3)
- 3. Trick (4)
- 4. Fit (9)
- 5. Censure (7)
- 8. Diminish (8)
- 11. Alien (9)
- 13. Glib talk (6)
- 14. Copy (7)
- 16. Earth (5)
- 18. Otherwise (4)
- 20. Hiatus (3)

Scribble pad

LADDER

Using the clues provided, fill in each step of the ladder with a new word, changing one letter at a time.

- Gap
- Rod
- Stance
- Mail
- Previous



NINER

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

- 73921 gives an animal;
- 4522785 gives a second animal;
- 92262 gives birds.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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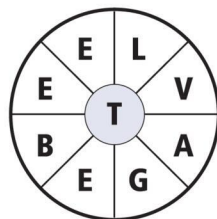
CODEWORD

This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in the grid represents a letter, with the same number always representing the same letter. For example, if 8 turns out to be a V, you can write in V wherever a square contains 8. Using your knowledge of words, complete the puzzle.

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WORDWHEEL

You have 10 mins to find as many words as possible using the letters in the wheel. Each must use the hub letter and at least 3 others. Letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns. There is at least one 9-letter word to be found.

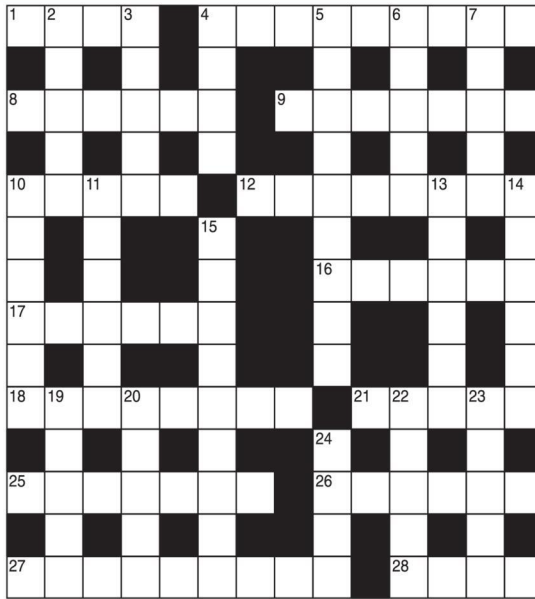


How you rate
 8 words: average
 12 words: good
 16 words: very good
 20 or more: excellent.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 & 21 Across Film star nicknamed 'Duke' (4,5)
- 4 A student of the Earth's crust (9)
- 8 Surname of the dramatist who wrote The Caretaker (6)
- 9 Wife of Nabal and later of David (7)
- 10 & 25 Across Author of All Creatures Great and Small (5,7)
- 12 A strict disciplinarian (8)
- 16 Sir Thomas More's imaginary perfect island (6)
- 17 French royal house from 1328-1589 (6)
- 18 Ancient classical Indian language (8)
- 21 See 1 Across
- 25 See 10 Across
- 26 Animal skeleton used in cleansing (6)
- 27 & 23 Down The witches' sabbath held on the eve of May 1st (9,5)
- 28 The third son of Adam (4)



DOWN

- 2 Pen name of Marie Louise de la Ramee (5)
- 3 Saltpetre (5)
- 4 Hindu spiritual leader (4)
- 5 Trees with racemes of bright yellow flowers (9)
- 6 Benjamino ---, famous Italian tenor (5)
- 7 River on which Paris stands (5)
- 10 PG Wodehouse's perfect English valet (6)
- 11 Magician and bard who aided King Arthur, in legend (6)
- 13 Household, especially table, linen (6)
- 14 Sleep-like state (6)
- 15 Artificial lake for storing water (9)
- 19 The betel nut genus of palms (5)
- 20 Thick, sweet liquid (5)
- 22 Bitter ---, purgative drug (5)
- 23 See 27 Across
- 24 Part of the Thames, through Oxford (4)

SOLUTIONS

General Knowledge Crossword
 ACROSS: 1 John; 4 Geologist; 8 Pinter; 9 Abigail; 10 James; 12 Martinet; 16 Utopia; 17 Valois; 18 Sanskrit; 21 Wayne; 25 Herriot; 26 Sponge; 27 Wajpuris; 28 Seth.
 DOWN: 2 Ouida; 3 Nitre; 4 Guru; 5 Laburnum; 6 Giff; 7 Seine; 10 Leves; 11 Merlin; 13 Napery; 14 Trance; 15 Reservoir; 19 Arca; 20 Syrup; 22 Aloes; 23 Night; 24 Isis.

Crossword
 ACROSS: 6 Freedom; 7 Cover; 9 Mad; 10 Extremist; 12 Composition; 15 Impertinent; 17 Staggered; 19 For; 21 Stew; 22 Assault; Down: 1 Treat; 2 Set; 3 Hoax; 4 Competent; 5 Reproof; 8 Lessen; 11 Foreigner; 13 Patter; 14 Imitate; 16 World; 18 Else; 20 Gap.

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With prices starting from £14,200 on-the-road, the Sandero remains the most affordable car in the UK.

Dacia's versatile family car, the Jogger, was named the 'Best Seven-Seater for Value' for the third year in a row.

With a mix of SUV and estate car design, and unrivalled value with pricing starting from £18,400 on-the-road, it's no surprise sales jumped 77 per cent in 2024 compared to the previous year.

The latest generation Duster also continues its winning streak, being named the 'Best Small SUV for Value'. With prices starting from £18,850, its modern, robust design, practical interior as well

as the option of 4x4, is already striking a chord with the nation.

What Car? Editor, Steve Huntingford, said: "Tempting pricing is obviously key to the appeal of the Sandero, Jogger and Duster. Crucially, however, they also deliver real value for money, because they're practical and comfortable choices that offer a level of technology you wouldn't expect."

Luke Broad, Dacia Brand Director for the UK, added: "Dacia is always focussed on giving the best value for money on the market, so to win three-value based awards from the professionals at What Car? magazine and website is fantastic."

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The Duster, the best-selling SUV to European private customers since 2018 and the 2nd most sold car to customers in 2024.

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Warwickshire County Council

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
Warwickshire County Council has made the following Temporary Traffic Orders:
PUBLIC FOOTPATH R105 IN THE PARISHES OF CHURCHOVER & NEWTON BIGGIN
Order Effect: Footpath closed to all traffic between Grid References X452277 Y279014 and X452413 Y278739.
Reason for Order: To avoid the likelihood of danger to the public while development works are in progress on or near to the footpath.
Order Commences: 23 June 2025 for up to 6 months.
Access & Diversion: Will be appropriately signed.
Contractor: Winvic Construction, Tel: 07541 688149.

Warwickshire County Council proposes to make the following Temporary Traffic Orders:
BAWNMORE ROAD, RUGBY
Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.
Reason for Order: To enable sluice valve reset works.
Order Commences: 9 July 2025 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 11 July 2025.
Access & Diversion: The Green and vice versa.
Contractor: Chevron TM Ltd, Tel: 03300 080 820.

CORONATION ROAD, CHURCH LAWFORD
Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.
Reason for Order: To enable works for replacement and provision of new telegraph poles.
Order Commences: 10 July 2025 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 10 July 2025.
Access & Diversion: Coronation Road, Ling Lane, Lawford Heath Lane, Coventry Road, Rugby Road and vice versa.
Contractor: Core Highways, Tel: 03300 169 688.

BELL LANE, MONKS KIRBY
Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.
Reason for Order: To enable utility works.
Order Commences: 7 July 2025 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 8 July 2025.
Access & Diversion: Main Street, Millers Lane and vice versa.
Contractor: Chevron TM Ltd, Tel: 03300 800 820.

LEICESTER ROAD, CHURCHOVER
Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic as follows:
West bound from Overview Way/Central Park Drive roundabout up to the M6 southbound exit slip including the westbound side of the roundabout at J1.
11/07/2025 20.00hrs to 14/07/2025 06.00hrs
18/07/2025 20.00hrs to 21/07/2025 06.00hrs
25/07/2025 20.00hrs to 28/07/2025 06.00hrs
01/08/2025 20.00hrs to 04/08/2025 06.00hrs
08/08/2025 20.00hrs to 09/08/2025 06.00hrs
East Bound - A426 from the A5 Glibbet roundabout to the M6 northbound exit slip including the eastbound side of J1 roundabout.
15/08/2025 20.00hrs to 16/08/2025 06.00hrs
Reason for Order: To enable weekend works in conjunction with the M6 carriageway improvement works.
Order Commences: 11 July 2025 for up to 18 months.
Access & Diversion: Leicester Road, Central Park Drive, Newbold Road, Main Street, Harborough Road, Rugby Road, Pailton Road, Lutterworth Road, A5, Watling Street, Coventry Road and vice versa.
Contractor: Kier Transportation, Tel: 07751 733 753.

RYDAL CLOSE, BROWNBOVER, RUGBY
Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.
Reason for Order: Works to lay duct in the carriageway and footway.
Order Commences: 7 July 2025 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 8 July 2025.
Access & Diversion: No diversion available.
Contractor: M J Quinn, Tel: 01543 547 118.

For all of the above temporary orders, pedestrian access to and egress from properties and land situated adjacent to the length of road to be closed will be maintained at all times. Vehicular access will be maintained where possible.
To report any problems with these works or for further details of our current & planned roadworks visit our website warwickshire.gov.uk/roadworksmap or call us 01926 412515.
S Duxbury, Director of Strategy, Planning & Governance, Shire Hall, Warwick CV34 4RL Date 20 June 2025

PUBLIC NOTICES

Rugby Borough Council Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Application Number R25/0400
DIPBAR FIELDS, DAVENTRY ROAD, DUNCHURCH, RUGBY, CV22 6NT
Variation of Conditions 1, 2, 3 & 8 of Reserved Matters approval R19/1047 - condition 1 amended layout and conditions 2 (materials), 3 (boundary walls) & 8 (20mph signs) amended to compliance conditions.
This is a major development

Application Number R25/0417
DERMOMEDIX LIMITED STABLE COTTAGE, WREN COURT, FRANKTON ROAD, BIRDINGBURY, RUGBY, CV23 6EW
Listed Building consent for replacement double glazed wooden framed windows.
This development may affect a Listed Building

Application Number R25/0436
YE OLDE SCHOOL, THE SQUARE, DUNCHURCH, RUGBY, CV22 6NU
Proposed replacement garage with side extension.
This development may affect a Listed Building. This development may affect a Conservation Area

Application Number R25/0463
25 FLAT, THE ROBINS BUILDING, ALBERT STREET, RUGBY, CV21 2SD
Change of use from fourth floor two bedroom apartment - Use Class C3(a) to office accommodation - Use Class E, ancillary to third floor office below.
This development may affect a Conservation Area

Application Number R25/0469
THE MALTHOUSE, MAIN STREET, THURLASTON, RUGBY, CV23 9JS
Side and rear extension with internal refurbishment.
This development may affect a Conservation Area

Application Number R25/0475
LAND TO THE NORTH OF ARTHUR JAMES DRIVE, CHURCHOVER
Erection of two self-build dwellings, landscaping, access and associated works.
This development may affect a Listed Building

Application Number R25/0484
81, THE WHITE HOUSE, HIGH STREET, RUGBY, CV21 4HD
Internal changes to convert existing bedroom to ensuite & wardrobe.
This development may affect a Listed Building

Application Number R25/0503
25, BROCKHURST FARM, BROCKHURST LANE, MONKS KIRBY, RUGBY, CV23 0RA
New oak framed ground floor extension with tiled roof and traditional lantern rooflight.
This development may affect a Conservation Area

Members of the public may inspect copies of the application, the plans and documents submitted with it online at: www.planningportal.rugby.gov.uk or in an electronic form at: Town Hall, Evreux Way, Rugby CV21 2RR between the hours of 9.00 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday until 11 July 2025. Please note a planning officer would not be present.

If you wish to make an appointment to discuss the application, please contact the case officer. Any person who wishes to make representation to the above mentioned Council about the applications should make them online - www.planningportal.rugby.co.uk (search for application number and select comment) - or in writing by that date to The Chief Officer Growth and Investment, Town Hall, Rugby, CV21 2RR.

If an application is determined by the Planning Committee, members of the public may have the opportunity to speak at the meeting. More details about public speaking are available from the Council or on-line at: www.rugby.gov.uk/speakingatplanning. For householder or minor commercial applications, in the event of an appeal against a refusal of planning permission, dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any representations made will be sent to the Secretary of State, and there will be no further opportunity to comment at the appeal stage.
**Nicola Smith
Chief Officer - Growth and Investment
MRTP1**

PUBLIC NOTICES

Warwickshire County Council

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
Warwickshire County Council has made the following Temporary Traffic Orders:

CHURCH END, PRIORS HARDWICK
Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.
Reason for Order: To safely enable works to install new boundary box and stop tap.
Order Commences: 26 June 2025 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 27 June 2025.

Access & Diversion: Church End, Welsh Road, Wormleighton Road and vice versa.
Contractor: Chevron Traffic Management Ltd, Tel: 03300 080 820.

VARIOUS ROADS NAPTON ON THE HILL
Order Effect: The Following Roads will be closed to vehicular traffic: High Street, New Street, Chapel Green Road, Thomtons Lane, Chapel Green, Marston Doles Road, Napton on the Hill and Marston Doles Road, Priors Marston.
Reason for Order: The closures and restrictions are required for the safety of the public and of the participants in the Napton Cycle Ride.
Order Commences: 29 June 2025 for 1 day.
Access & Diversion: Will be appropriately signed.
Contact: Debra Allen, Secretary of the Napton Cycle Ride Committee Tel: 07809 739 795.

Warwickshire County Council proposes to make the following Temporary Traffic Orders:
A423 COVENTRY ROAD, STATION ROAD, OXFORD ROAD, MARTON ROAD, MARTON/LONG ITCHINGTON
Order Effect: Road closed between junctions with Birdingbury Road and Cox Crescent.
Reason for Order: Carriageway resurfacing works, closed 20.00hrs-06.00hrs, every night.
Order Commences: 7 July 2025 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 23 July 2025.

Access & Diversion: A423, A425, B4455, A423 and vice versa. Access/Egress to be maintained where possible to businesses and residents only. Access/Egress to/from adjoining roads may also be restricted whilst works are in progress.
Contractor: Balfour Beatty, Tel: 03452 415 302.

BACK LANE, BIRDINGBURY
Order Effect: Road closed between Leamington Hastings Road.
Reason for Order: To safely enable works to lay approx 300 metres of duct in the verge.
Order Commences: 9 July 2025 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 18 July 2025.
Access & Diversion: Leamington Hastings Road, Main Street, Back Lane and vice versa.
Contractor: Callan Connect, Tel: 01213 275 167.

For all of the above temporary orders, pedestrian access to and egress from properties and land situated adjacent to the length of road to be closed will be maintained at all times. Vehicular access will be maintained where possible.
To report any problems with these works or for further details of our current & planned roadworks visit our website warwickshire.gov.uk/roadworksmap or call us 01926 412515.
S Duxbury, Director of Strategy, Planning & Governance, Shire Hall, Warwick CV34 4RL Date 20 June 2025

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A VARIATION TO PREMISES LICENCE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003

Name of (applicant): **Chf X Cafe Ltd**
Notice is hereby given that **Adal Jilani** has applied to Coventry City Council for a **VARIATION PREMISES LICENCE for Chf X Cafe, 645 Stoney Stanton Road, Coventry, CV6 5FY**
Details of Application: **To provide Late Night refreshments/Take away food and drink during the below hours: Mon 09:00 - 04:00, Tues 09:00 - 04:00, Wed 09:00 - 04:00, Thur 09:00 - 04:00, Fri 09:00 - 04:00, Sat 09:00 - 04:00, Sun 09:00 - 04:00**
Any person wishing to lodge a representation concerning this application may write to: Licensing Authority, The Council House, Earl Street Coventry CV1 5RR
Or send an email to: licensing@coventry.gov.uk.
The application may be viewed during normal office hours at the above address and further information may be available at www.coventry.gov.uk on the public register.

Any Representation relating to this application must be made in writing to the Licensing Authority by **8th July 2025**
Please note it is an offence to knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine on summary conviction for this offence is Unlimited.

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Warwickshire County Council

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
Warwickshire County Council proposes to make the following Temporary Traffic Orders:

STRETTON ROAD, WOLSTON
Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.
Reason for Order: Works to renew defective pole in verge.
Order Commences: 9 July 2025 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 9 July 2025.

Access & Diversion: A45, London Road, Wolston Lane, Warwick Road, Warwick Road Service Road and vice versa.
Contractor: M J Quinn, Tel: 01543 547 118.

For all of the above temporary orders, pedestrian access to and egress from properties and land situated adjacent to the length of road to be closed will be maintained at all times. Vehicular access will be maintained where possible.
To report any problems with these works or for further details of our current & planned roadworks visit our website warwickshire.gov.uk/roadworksmap or call us 01926 412515.
S Duxbury, Director of Strategy, Planning & Governance, Shire Hall, Warwick CV34 4RL Date 20 June 2025

PUBLIC NOTICES

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Nov28 LTD of 14 Navigation Close, Nuneaton, CV10 7FE is applying for a licence to use **Mitchell Potatoes Ltd, Boots Farm, Bourton on Dunsmore, Rugby, CV23 9QQ** as an operating centre for 2 goods vehicles.

Owners or occupiers of land, including buildings, near the operating centre who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Quarry House, Quarry Hill, Leeds, LS2 7UE, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice.

Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

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Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

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SCOTT DEWAR JOYCE (Deceased)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above named, late of Gorbrack, Over, Headfort, County Galway, Ireland formerly of 27 Benedicene Court, Priory Place, Coventry, CV1 5SE previously of 12 Harrington Road, Coundon, Coventry, CV6 1HL, who died on 08/03/2025, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 21/08/2025, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

IAN SWAIN (otherwise Iain Cave) Swain and Iain Cave) (Deceased)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above named, late of 10 Tidmington Close, Hatton Park, Warwick, CV35 7TE, who died on 24/02/2024, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 21/08/2025, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

Wallace Robinson and Morgan Solicitors, 17-19 Station Approach, Dordridge, Solihull, B93 8JA

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003

Name of (applicant): **Jacqueline Brown**
Notice is hereby given that **Jacqueline Brown** has applied to Coventry City Council for a **VARIATION PREMISES LICENCE**

Postal Address of premises: **The Jaguar, 51 Corporation Street, Coventry CV1 1GX**
Details of Application:
Supply of Alcohol (on Sales)
Small ticketed Plays max 50 people
Sunday 10:00 - 00:00; Monday 10:00 - 02:00am; Tuesday 10:00 - 02:00am; Wednesday 10:00 - 02:00am; Thursday 10:00 - 02:00am; Friday 10:00 - 02:00am; Saturday 10:00 - 02:00am
Any person wishing to lodge a representation concerning this application may write to: Licensing Authority, The Council House, Earl Street Coventry CV1 5RR
Or send an email to: licensing@coventry.gov.uk.
The application may be viewed during normal office hours at the above address and further information may be available at www.coventry.gov.uk on the public register.

Any Representation relating to this application must be made in writing to the Licensing Authority by **10/07/2025**
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Rapid Response Telecoms Ltd Of Whaley Road, Barnsley, S75 1HT is applying for a licence to use **Units 3/4, Sparta Close, Midland Trading Estate, Rugby, CV21 1PS** as an operating centre for 4 goods vehicles and 0 trailers.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centres who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Quarry House, Quarry Hill, Leeds, LS2 7UE stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

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CHRISTOPHER MARTYN BEENY (Deceased)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above named, late of 34 Calder Walk, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV31 1SA, who died on 24/05/2025, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 21/08/2025, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

HCR Legal LLP, 5 Dearaway, Worcester, WR1 2JG

PAULA ELAINE JACKSON (Deceased)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above named, late of 38 Upton, Coventry, CV2 3FZ, who died on 11/06/2025, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 21/08/2025, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

ANGELS SOLICITORS LLP, 117-119 New Union Street Coventry CV1 2NY

DAVID JOHN LIVINGSTON (Deceased)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above named, late of 9 Lindey Rugby Warwickshire, CV21 1PH, who died on 04/07/2024, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 21/08/2025, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

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James Hiron's is a small but well-funded independent care home based in a pleasant area of Leamington Spa. We have been providing quality care since 1953. The Trustee team provide essential support to the Management and staff of the Home and this opportunity offers a rewarding and enjoyable experience.

All applications must meet the requirements of trustees in line with the Charity Commission requirements, and a full and detailed induction and training will be provided. (**Website: www.jameshiron's.org.uk**)

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- Experience on, or working closely with, boards or committees, is useful but not essential.

If you would like to be considered; please send your CV to:
The Chair of the Trustees, James Hiron's, 53 Lillington Road, Leamington Spa, CV32 6LD
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Triple offshore gold for Fenemore in Wales

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ROWING: OFFSHORE coastal rower Tim Fenemore, from Rugby, won triple gold competing at the Welsh Offshore Championships.

Fenemore finished fifth overall in the men's double, third overall in the mixed quad and second overall in the men's quad in Saundersfoot, Pembrokeshire.

The Rugby rower won three gold medals, alongside his respective crews, after posting the fastest time in the 40-year, 50-year and 60-year categories.

Fenemore rows for Northamptonshire-based Hollowell Scullers and teams up with other rowers under a Coastal Barbarians Rowing Club banner.

This allows the 61-year-old to compete at major competitions in masters (40-plus age

category) competitions.

He teamed up with Ricky Rouille (Jersey) in the men's double as the pair led the fleet for the first 700 metres of the race.

However, three crews in the under-40 category overtook Fenemore and Rouille.

The pair navigated choppy waters in the second part of the race as they broke away from all but one other boat - Aberdovey.

The Aberdovey crew pulled ahead in the closing stage of the race despite Fenemore and Rouille's best efforts.

After a brief rehydration break, the pair took to the water again alongside Jon Osborn (Eastbourne) and Tony Burrows (Dover) in the men's quad with Andi Davies (Hayling Island) of Dolphin Rowing Club at Cox.

A chaotic start saw the wind strengthen rapidly which pushed many boats over the line as Fenemore and his crew managed to stay out of trouble and avoid any penalties.

The crew quickly accelerated to the front

slot with only a young crew containing Great Britain hopefuls ahead of them beyond the one kilometre mark.

Fenemore, Rouille and Davies then teamed up with Jo Price and Rowena Atkins (both Coastal Rowing Academy) in the mixed quad race.

The crew had not rowed together before but made a strong start, staying clear of trouble while other boats clashed in the heavy seas.

Davies steered the crew on a safe course as a couple of faster, younger, crews passed them after the one kilometre stage.

The crew held their position despite a persistent challenge from an experienced Plymouth crew over the remaining three kilometres.

The two crews finished just 10 seconds apart following a 20-minute tussle.

Fenemore and Rouille now hold masters gold medals in the Irish, Welsh, Jersey and British Championships.



Rob O'Connor on top of the podium. Picture by Mark Fenton.

O'Connor on top

CYCLING: ROB O'Connor, from Rugby, won gold at the British Masters Cycle Racing Road Race Championships in Swynnerton, Staffordshire.

The Born to Bike Racing Team rider added another national title to his collection over a rolling 46 miles.

The Rugby cyclist moved up the field in the F category with two laps still to ride in an attempt to break the race up.

However, O'Connor could still not split the bunch until a three-rider break on the last lap opened the race up.

O'Connor set about reeling in the breakaway riders as he towed the bunch to catch the trio with a mile still to race at the bottom of the climb.

A bunch uphill sprint ensued as O'Connor pipped Steve Wilkinson to the British title in the final 100m.

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