



Warwick A Singing Town

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*"Happiness and
Health in Harmony"*

I have always considered myself very lucky to have sung all my life and am very grateful for my good fortune to now be singing for a living!

Singing is so valuable within a community and I am delighted to be an Ambassador for **Warwick – A Singing Town** and to help out as much as I can.

The **Singathon** on 18 March will really help raise the profile of singing and I am looking forward to leading two of the afternoon workshops for students and adults.

'**The Gifts of Singing**' workshop on 14 May will be a perfect event for anyone who values the role of singing for their health and wellbeing and wants to find out more about the amazing benefits of singing.

Edward Button

Countertenor – The King's Singers and community ambassador for Warwick – A Singing Town

Edward is performing with the King's Singers at St. Mary's Church, Warwick on Thursday 16 March.



About Warwick – A Singing Town

Warwick – A Singing Town, is a unique, philanthropically-funded project to promote singing as part of the artistic and cultural post-pandemic renewal in Warwick. Through free, high-quality singing and choral opportunities in schools, sharing information about local singing and choral opportunities for all town residents, and bespoke partnerships with groups who may benefit from the therapeutic aspects of singing – our goal is for singing to be better understood, promoted, and available to all residents.

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The Big Local Night Out

Friday 17 February – The Bridge House Theatre

The second in a series of four events was a massive success with local choir Singing for Pleasure and the junior girls from Warwickshire Youth Choirs performing alongside professional artists Gareth John and host and comedy magician, Tom Elliot.

A packed and very appreciate audience joined in with the singing at every possible opportunity and thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

The Big Local Night Out is a unique partnership aimed at bringing local people together to celebrate and enjoy the feel good factor of singing together.

It is made possible by a partnership between **Warwick – A Singing Town**, The Warwick Independent Schools Foundation, Transforming Communities Warwick and South Warwickshire Methodist Circuit.

A fabulous evening proved once again that nothing brings a community together like a good sing!



Singing for Pleasure and the junior girls from Warwickshire Youth Choirs

The King's Singers

presented by Armonico Consort

Thursday 16 March – St. Mary's Church, Warwick
Two performances at 5.00pm and 7.30pm

Warwick – A Singing Town is delighted to support Armonico Consort in an ambitious and unique event that features the world renown King's Singers performing alongside children and young people from Warwickshire Choristers, Warwickshire Music and Armonico AC Academy.

The King's Singers have represented the gold standard in a cappella singing on the world's greatest stages for over fifty years. They are renowned for their connection, engagement with their audiences, their unrivalled technique, versatility and skill in performance. They are also known for their consummate musicianship, drawing both on the group's rich heritage and pioneering spirit to create an extraordinary wealth of original works and unique collaborations.

This promises to be a truly spectacular event, culminating in the performance of *A Suitcase Full of Songs*, a work commissioned by Armonico Consort for young voices with the King's Singers.



Singathon

with Warwickshire Youth Choirs

Saturday 18 March – King’s High Music School auditorium
– 9.30am to 9.30pm

**Raising funds for local charity –
Kissing It Better**



Timetable

9.30	Let’s Get Singing Workshop – On line Singing Workshop – Led by our Choral Directors Ben Hamilton and Jeremy Dibb
10.30	Local Choirs
11.30	Local Choirs
12.30	Warwickshire Youth Choirs – Boys’ Choir Workshop
13.30	Warwickshire Youth Choirs – Girls’ Choir Workshop
14.30	KS3, KS4 and KS5 (aged 11-18) – Secondary Age Workshop with King’s Singer, Edward Button and Warwickshire Youth Male Voices
15.30	Adult (aged 18+) Singing Workshop with King’s Singer, Edward Button
16.30	Key Stage Two (age 8-11) – Singing Workshop
18.00	For ALL – Singathon Celebration Concert
19:30	Canticum (Warwick Schools’ Community Choir) Concert – Warwick Hall – <i>The Armed Man – A Mass for Peace</i>

What is Singathon?

All the young singers at Warwickshire Youth Choirs believe that singing makes you feel better and they are putting this to the test with a Singathon on Saturday 18 March 2023 to raise money for local charity ‘Kissing it Better’.

The 12 hour Singathon will take place in their home at the King’s High Music School, Warwick and will feature continuous song from 9.30am to 9.30pm.

A series of singing workshops for all ages and abilities will culminate in a massed sing in Warwick Hall from 6.00-7.00pm followed by a performance of *The Armed Man* by The Canticum Choir, directed by Richard Nicholson.

Visit the Warwickshire Choristers website at <https://www.choristers.org/singathon/> for full details of how to get involved.

The Gifts of Singing

Sunday 14 May – Warwick Hall

With a retiring collection in support of our chosen charity ‘Kissing it Better’

Our fourth FREE singing workshop on Sunday 14 May will be a very special event as it will explore in detail all the amazing health benefits of singing – with lots of practical examples.

The day will be built around the three key areas of physical health, mental health and the changing voice – particularly relevant for all of us who wish to continue singing well into our twilight years!

The astonishing amount of research that proves the wide ranging benefits of singing will be thoroughly explored in a series of practical sessions delivered by the specialist Choral Entrepreneur team from **Warwick – A Singing Town.**

Future information and booking details will be available on our website soon.



Ben, Mariana and Cerys

Singing is really good for you so why not 'Sing for Joy'?

Sing for Joy is our weekly singing drop-in at Chase Meadow Community Centre on Thursdays from 12.45-2.00pm. Do join us and experience some of the feel good benefits of singing.

No experience is necessary as this is a relaxed and informal group that is there to support health and wellbeing. Come and learn uplifting songs and practical singing skills to help you experience the gift of singing.



Would you like 'a side of singing' with that?

Do you run a local business?

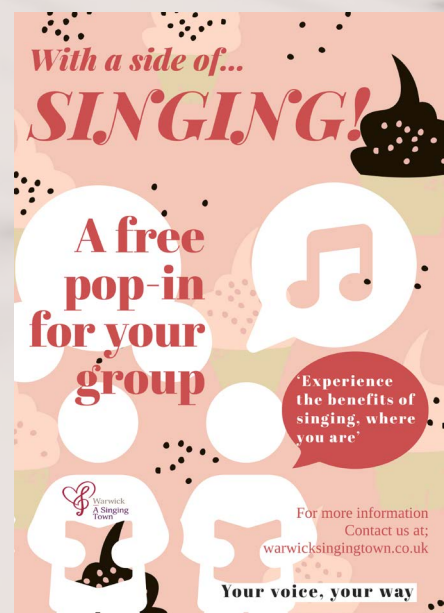
Would you like a team building session that is really different and fun?

Do you run a local community group?

Would your community enjoy the opportunity to sing together?

At **Warwick – A Singing Town** we believe that singing can happen anywhere, so we're offering to come to you, to give you a little singing taster and make your team or community time that extra bit special.

We also think that with a little singing know-how, not only will you experience some of the many proven benefits of singing but you'll also be able to use it in your everyday life.



Calendar of events

February

Tuesday 28 February

- **The Gesualdo Six – Leamington Music** – *Josquin's Legacy* – St. Mary's Church, Warwick – 7.30pm
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March

Thursday 16 March

- **The King's Singers – Armonico Consort with local children and young people** – Including *A Suitcase of Songs* by Toby Young – St. Mary's Church, Warwick – Two performances: 5.00pm & 7.30pm
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Saturday 18 March

- **Warwickshire Youth Choirs & Warwickshire Sings** – Singathon – King's High Music School & Warwick Hall, 9.30am-9.30pm
 - **Canticum** – Karl Jenkins *The Armed Man* – Warwick Hall – 7.30pm
 - **Collegium** – John Rutter *Gloria* – St. Marys' Church, Warwick – 7.30pm
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Tuesday 21 March

- **Ex Cathedra – Leamington Music** – *Baroque Passion* – St. Mary's Church, Warwick – 7.30pm
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Saturday 25th March

- **Village Voices** – All Saints Church, Warwick – Time TBC
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Thursday 30 March

- **Armonico Consort** – J.S. Bach *St. Matthew Passion* – St. Mary's Church, Warwick – 7.30pm
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April

Saturday 1 April

- **Leamington Bach Choir** – J.S. Bach *Mass in B minor* – St. Mary's Church, Warwick – 7.30pm
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Saturday 22 April

- **Two Castles Male Voice Choir** – *A Band of Brothers* – St. Nicholas' Church, Warwick – Time TBC
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Saturday 29 April

- **Warwick & Kenilworth Choral Society** – *Verdi Requiem* – All Saint's Church, Leamington Spa – Time TBC
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