



Warwick A Singing Town

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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.

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It is my pleasure to welcome to you our 10th newsletter, which is dedicated to everything that brings us together and lifts our spirits – singing!

As we all know, singing is more than just a fun hobby - it has been scientifically proven to have incredible physical, mental, and emotional benefits for individuals and communities alike.

In this edition, we are excited to showcase two upcoming events that will surely make your heart sing:

First up, join us on Sunday, May 14th at Warwick Hall for **The Gifts of Singing** – a workshop that will explore the magic of vocal expression and how it can enhance our lives.

Also, mark your calendars for Friday, May 26th, when we'll be hosting **The Big Local Night Out** at The Bridge House Theatre. This will be an unforgettable evening of music, community, and celebration as we showcase the incredible talents of local singers and musicians. I'm sure this will be a very special, uplifting, and inspirational night.

We look forward to joining together for these exciting events, so we can all experience first hand the joy of singing in Warwick – our singing town.

Happy singing everyone!

Councillor Rich Eddy

*Warwick – A Singing Town community ambassador
Chair – Community and Culture Committee, Warwick Town Council*



Join us for our fourth FREE singing Workshop

The Gifts of Singing | Sunday 14 May | 10.00am-3.00pm | Warwick Hall

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are delighted to invite you to our fourth FREE singing workshop dedicated to exploring the extraordinary benefits of singing on our physical and mental wellbeing. We will once again be singing in the magnificent surroundings of Warwick Hall, and are very lucky to be joined by special guest, Edward Button from *The King's Singers*.

While the workshop is free of charge, there will be a retiring collection in support of local and very wonderful charity [Kissing it Better](#). We look forward to singing together again very soon!

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Meet our Special Guest

Edward Button

Counter Tenor – *The King's Singers*



Edward's love of singing began at the age of seven when he was given a scholarship in the Chapel Choir at Warwick School.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

The Programme

Singers will be led by the [Choral Entrepreneur team](#) of Warwick – **A Singing Town**; Jeremy Dibb, Cerys Purser, Mariana Rosas and Benjamin Hamilton plus our special guest, Edward Button.

9.30-10.00AM

Welcome to 'The Gifts of Singing'



You are invited to arrive at Warwick Hall from 9.30am, where Richard Nicholson, Principal of Warwick Schools Foundation will provide a short welcome.

10.10-10.55AM

Session 1



Sing for Health – Physical Health

11.10-11.45AM

Session 2



Sing for Life – The Ageing Voice

Break

12.15-1.00PM

Session 3



Sing for Wellbeing – Mental Health

Lunch provided

1.45-2.45PM

Session 4



Sing for Joy – Community Impact

2.45-3.00PM

Plenary & Goodbyes



With Jeremy Dibb | Research & Delivery Lead for **Warwick – A Singing Town**

The Big Local Night Out

Friday 26 May – The Bridge House Theatre

We are delighted to present our third Big Local Night Out in partnership with the Warwick Independent Schools Foundation, Transforming Communities Warwick and the South Warwickshire Methodist Circuit.

The evening will feature regular host Tom Elliot, professional singer and entertainer Charlie Green, singers from two local choirs; Two Castles Male Voice Choir and Village Voices PLUS Myton Secondary School choir – what a line up!

Book your tickets NOW for a really great evening of entertainment!

Tickets: www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk/show/the-big-local-night-out/



The BLNO host – Tom Elliot



Big Local Night Out – October 14: Aylesford school choir



Big Local Night Out – February 17: Singing for Pleasure community choir and the junior girls from Warwickshire Youth Choirs

The King's Singers with Armonico Consort

Thursday 16 March – St. Mary's Church, Warwick

Many congratulations to the team at **Armonico Consort** and particularly Founder and Artistic Director Christopher Monks and Head of Education and Outreach Gaynor Larkin for bringing together hundreds of young singers from across the area to perform alongside the world famous King's Singers – what an experience for everyone to share.



The King's Singers support Warwick – A Singing Town



The King's Singers performing with young singers

Singathon

Saturday 18 March – King’s High and Warwick schools

Congratulations also to Warwickshire Youth Choirs and their Director Benjamin Hamilton and administrator Beth Thompson for the vision and hard work in running a day of singing that culminated in a performance of *The Armed Man* by The Canticum choir under the direction of Richard Nicholson.

Singers throughout the day included local choirs Village Voices; Two Castles Male Voice Choir; Singing for Pleasure; young singers from Warwickshire Youth Choirs and workshops for adults and children.



Singathon young and not so young singers



Singathon children perform to their parents after a lively final workshop

Calendar of events

April

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 – 7.30pm
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Sunday 30 April

- **Leamington Music presents** – Alessandro Fisher *tenor* and Sholto Kynoch *piano* – Royal Pump Rooms, Leamington Spa – 12.00 noon
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May

Wednesday 3 May

- **Singing for Pleasure community choir** – Westgate primary school assembly
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Sunday 7 May

- **Armonico Consort** – *Naked Byrd* – Church of St. John The Baptist, Honiley – 4.00pm
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Sunday 14 May

- **Warwick – A Singing Town** – The Gifts of Singing – Warwick Hall – 10.00am-3.00pm
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Friday 26 May

- **The Big Local Night Out** – The Bridge House Theatre – 7.00pm
 - **Candlelight Concert** – St. Mary's Church, Warwick – 8.00pm
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