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*“Happiness and
Health in Harmony”*

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.

www.warwicksingingtown.co.uk

Dear Friends and Supporters

The Spring Term was very busy preparing for the amazing programme of singing activities in the Summer Term and an astonishing variety of events for you to enjoy and be involved in.

First up is our next Singing Workshop on Sunday April 21 at Warwick Hall – closely followed by the fabulous Big Local Night Out at The Bridge House Theatre on Friday May 24.

Two major events involving our local schools are now well established in the annual calendar with the Warwick Rotary Schools’ Concert on June 18 at St. Mary’s and, following the success of last summer’s Warwick Pageant concert our second major Music Concert on July 2 at Warwick Hall in partnership with the Orchestra of the Swan.

In-between those two concerts a brand new Pursuits Festival is about to launch in Warwick on the weekend of June 22/23 – so look out for more information on that and visit their website at www.pursuitsfestival.co.uk/warwick-pursuits-festival

Happy Singing

Jeremy Dibb

*Research and delivery lead
Warwick – A Singing Town*



Sing for Joy

Sunday 21 April 2024 – Warwick Hall

Our sixth FREE singing workshop returns to the theme of Singing for Health that was so popular this time last year.

We have taken as our inspiration the mnemonic of S.I.N.G and the workshop will explore the benefits of singing on everything that makes us human and makes life worth living!

Social – singing and music are found in all cultures

Intellectual – most of the brain is used in processing music

Nature/nuture – music and language processing are closely related

Gifts – music and singing are free medicine

Click on this link to book your place – <https://warwicksingingtown.co.uk/upcoming-event/>



The Big Local Night Out

Friday 24 May 2024 – The Bridge House Theatre

The Big Local Night Out is now firmly established and is proving very popular with new choirs and choirs who have already performed but who want to come back and do it again!

We are delighted to welcome singers from Westgate Primary School for their first performance and the young singers from Myton School for their second performance.

Click on this link to book your seats –
<https://www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk/show/the-big-local-night-out/>



Myton School Year 7 Choir

Partnership Spotlight

Thursday 13 June – Chase Meadow Community Centre

Warwick – A Singing Town is all about working in partnership and two events highlight this perfectly.

'I don't sing because I'm happy – I am happy because I sing.'

Sing for Joy and Singing for Pleasure got together for the first time last summer and they are doing it again on Thursday June 13 at Chase Meadow Community Centre. Think of this as a social get together as much as a concert and join us for song, coffee and cake.



Sing for Health



Sing for Joy



Singing for Pleasure

Warwick Rotary Schools' Concert – Tuesday 18 June, St. Mary's Warwick

Warwick Rotary are great friends with **Warwick – A Singing Town** and this concert is the perfect partnership with around 120 children from 9 local schools taking part last year.



Rotary Schools' Concert 2023

Brand New Warwick Festival – Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 June



How exciting to have a brand new festival in Warwick – and even better that it will feature another Family Singing Workshop delivered by **Warwick – A Singing Town** on Sunday 23 June from 11.00-1.00pm.

Find out more here – <https://www.pursuitsfestival.co.uk/warwick-pursuits-festival>



Family Singing Workshop

Future Fwd Education Conference – Monday 8 and Tuesday 9 July, Warwick Schools Foundation



Now in its third year, Future Fwd has established an enviable reputation for bringing together leading thinkers and practitioners in all aspects of education research and development.

Warwick – A Singing Town is delighted to be hosting one of six educational 'streams' with some amazing guest speakers.

Find out more here – <https://www.futurefwd.org/>

SINGING AND WELLBEING FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Stream Lead

Jeremy Dibb

Speakers

Prof Graham Welch

Rebecca Ledgard

Ann Wright

Jeremy Dibb & Cerys Purser

New Funding

Warwick – A Singing Town is now in its third year and is all set to continue well into the future.

In the autumn term 2023 we ran or supported:

16 events in

13 venues involving

400+ singers to an audience of

1,200+ local people

In addition we expanded our Singing for Health provision and are delighted to announce major new funding from The Charity of Thomas Oken and Nicholas Eyfler to enable further expansion of our Singing for Health programme – and this means even more opportunities for local people to benefit from singing.

Bedworth – A Singing Town

As if that wasn't enough we have just started exploring the potential to start up a second 'singing town'.

Jeremy Dobb is leading on this initiative as he visits the town every week to sing with children in Bedworth schools and make community contacts to spread the word about Bedworth – A Singing Town.



Jeremy Dobb and the choir at Exhall Grange School



Jeremy Dobb and Year 1 children at St. Michael's School, Bedworth

Warwick Choral Festival 2024

Look out for another sizzling summer of singing and look out for the Warwick Choral Festival Brochure 2024 to find out everything that is happening this summer.

Warwick Choral Festival 2024

June 13 – July 28

Venues include:

Collegiate Church of St. Mary – St. Nicholas Church
Chase Meadow Community Centre – Warwick Hall
The Dream Factory – Warwick Castle – St. Paul's Church
The King's High School – St. John's Church, Kenilworth



Performers include:

Collegium – Choirs of St. Mary's – Playbox Theatre
Warwick and Kenilworth Choral Society – Divertimento
Warwick Folk Festival – Royal Birmingham Conservatoire Opera
Royal Birmingham Conservatoire Chamber Choir
Armonico Consort – Da Capo Chamber Choir
Canticum – Singing for Pleasure – Village Voices
Sing for Joy – wellbeing singing group
Children from Warwick schools – Warwickshire Sings

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Leamington Music



Calendar of events

April

Sunday 21 April

- **Sing for Joy workshop with Warwick – A Singing Town** – Warwick Hall, Warwick – 10.30am-2.45pm
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May

Friday 24 May

- **The Big Local Night Out** – The Bridge House Theatre, Warwick – 7.00pm
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June

Thursday 13 June

- **Sing for Joy and Singing for Pleasure** – Chase Meadow Community Centre – 1.00-2.00pm
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Tuesday 18 June

- **Warwick Rotary Schools' Concert** – The Collegiate Church of St. Mary, Warwick – 6.30pm
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Saturday 22 June

- **Collegium Warwick – Vivaldi and Haydn** – The Collegiate Church of St. Mary, Warwick – 7.30pm
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Saturday and Sunday 22 & 23 June

- **Warwick Pursuits Festival** – St. Nicholas Park, Warwick
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Thursday 27 June

- **Armonico Consort – The Fairy Queen** – Royal Pump Rooms, Leamington Spa – 7.30pm
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Saturday 29 June

- **The Warwick & Kenilworth Choral Society** – St. John's Church, Kenilworth – 7.30pm
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Saturday 29 June

- **Warwickshire Youth Choirs** – The King's High Hall, Warwick
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July

Tuesday 2 July

- **Warwick Schools' Celebration** – Warwick Hall, Warwick – 2.00pm
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Monday 8 and Tuesday 9 July

- **Future Fwd Education Conference** – Warwick Schools Foundation
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Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 July

- **Warwickshire Sings** – Warwick Hall, Warwick – 1.00pm
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Thursday 25 to Sunday 28 July

- **Warwick Folk Festival** – Castle Park, Warwick
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