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Summer 2016

GODIVA GATHERS REGION TO BACK CITY OF CULTURE BID

Imagineer's 20ft tall mechanical Godiva symbolically welcomed the region's business and civic leaders to a special event at our Business School including performances from artists and groups from across the city.

Coventry City Council, The University of Warwick, and Coventry University are Principal Partners of the bid to become UK City of Culture in 2021 and are providing significant support to build further business engagement in the bid.

David Burbidge, Chairman of the Coventry City of Culture Trust thanked the City Council, The University of Warwick and Coventry University for their agreement to become Principal Partners and said: "There is a great feeling developing in the city regarding our bid for City of Culture. People are beginning to see the very positive difference it can make to Coventry. "It's vital that our city gets as much financial and other support for the bid as possible and this event was designed to let everyone know how they can come on board and help."

Vice-Chancellor Professor Stuart Croft said: "The City Council and both of our city's universities were very quick to respond to the call to support this powerful bid to make Coventry the UK city of Culture for 2021 by serving as Principal Partners of the bid. Both myself and Coventry's Vice-Chancellor John Latham are already very aware of just how much culture and creativity is packed into Coventry, and this bid gives us an ideal



Pictured: Stuart Croft (University of Warwick), Faye Abbott (Coventry City Council), David Burbidge (Coventry City of Culture Trust), Laura McMillan (Coventry City of Culture Trust), Ian Dunn (Coventry University)

opportunity to help our city to showcase that to the rest of the world."

Professor Jonothan Neelands from Warwick Business School added: "The City of Culture competition gives us the chance to bring together local government, the business community and the Universities to support the people of Coventry in building a more prosperous, vibrant and attractive city in which to live, work and study. This is a great opportunity to build lasting partnerships and to dream big for Coventry's future."

A packed programme of local artists and groups will be performing at Coventry's Godiva Festival on Sunday 3 July at the launch of Coventry's bid to be UK City of Culture in 2021.

For more information on how to back Coventry's bid for UK City of Culture go to www.coventry2021.co.uk

UK'S ONLY NATIONAL MISCARRIAGE CENTRE OPENS

Tommy's, the UK baby charity that funds research into miscarriage, stillbirth and premature birth, has opened the country's first national research centre dedicated to early miscarriage and we're one of the partners, together with the University of Birmingham and Imperial College London.

We'll be working with University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust to run specialist miscarriage clinics.

Nationally this will enable 24,000 women per year to access treatment and support and participate in Tommy's research studies.

Siobhan Quenby, Professor of Obstetrics Division of Reproductive Health, who works at the University of Warwick Medical School and University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire, said: "It is wonderful to be able to offer world class research to patients. The centre will allow us to develop new tests and treatments for miscarriage and develop a greater understanding of the cause of miscarriage. The centre gives new hope to couples suffering pregnancy loss."

This national network will seek to understand why miscarriage happens, if it is likely to happen again and how to prevent it. Tommy's is also investing in research to better support women and their families following a miscarriage. Find out more at www.tommys.org

NEW SENIOR TEAM

2016 is a year of change in our senior leadership team. Our new Vice-Chancellor, Professor Stuart Croft, took up his role as Vice-Chancellor on 1 February, having previously served as Provost and a Pro-Vice-Chancellor at Warwick.



Joining Stuart, as our new Provost, in August 2016, will be Professor Christine Ennew OBE (above). She currently serves as Provost and Chief Executive Officer of University of Nottingham's Malaysia Campus, and also as a Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Professor of Marketing at the University of Nottingham.



Completing the team will be Rachel Sandby-Thomas CB, our new Registrar, taking over from Ken Sloan. Rachel is currently shadow CEO of the Government's Institute for Apprenticeships and has held a range of roles in Government service particularly in The Department for Business, Innovation & Skills (BIS) and in the Government Legal Service.

NEW COMMUNITY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

We'll soon be launching an email newsletter to keep you up to date with all our news and events for the local community and region. Subscribe by visiting www.warwick.ac.uk/community

UNIVERSITY PRIDE



We partnered with Coventry University as the main sponsors of Coventry Pride for

2016, which was held at Fargo Village on 18 and 19 June.

GOODBYE KEN

Warwick's Registrar and Chief Operating Officer, Ken Sloan, is leaving the University in July. He first joined in 1996 and has served in a wide range of roles on the campus. He left Warwick for a short time to work in the private sector before returning in 2012. He has also played a significant role in the life of the city of Coventry serving as Chair of the then Coventry Partnership and serving on Coventry City Council's Ethics Committee. We wish him all the very best with his future.

NEW LORD MAYOR GIVES CANCER RESEARCH IN COVENTRY A BOOST



Cancer research in the region is to receive an extra boost thanks to the new Lord Mayor of Coventry.

Councillor Lindsley Harvard has chosen our Cancer Research Centre as one of his two official charities during his forthcoming year in office.

The research centre was established to improve detection, treatments and patient care using the expertise of our Warwick Medical School and its partners. The new Lord Mayor said: "I feel cancer touches the lives of so many people in different forms. This research is vitally important to improve treatment and care and the Centre is working hard to translate these new developments into meaningful improvements in cancer care for patients. Fundraising will be taking place throughout the year and I hope everyone will show their support."

To donate directly to the Cancer Research Centre at the University of Warwick visit www.warwick.ac.uk/cancerappeal

OPEN DAYS AND TRAFFIC 24 JUNE, 25 JUNE & 22 OCTOBER

We will be welcoming prospective students and their families to campus for our full open days from 09.30 to 16.30 and will be operating our usual park and ride scheme at Stoneleigh Park on 24 June and 22 October.

However we are unfortunately unable to use the Park and Ride service on Saturday 25 June which will likely cause traffic levels around campus to be similar to weekday levels. Please bear this in mind when planning journeys on nearby roads and accept our sincere apologies for any inconvenience from this.



OPEN AIR OPERA THE ROYAL OPERA'S IL TROVATORE THURSDAY 14 JULY AT 7.15PM

Join us for world-class opera beamed from the Royal Opera House in London directly to the Big Screen at The Piazza, for free. Don't miss this new production of Verdi's gripping masterpiece, Il trovatore - an opera packed with powerful arias and thrilling choruses, including the famous and instantly recognizable 'Anvil Chorus'. Find out more at www.roh.org.uk/bpbigscreens

A SUMMER OF SPORT ON OUR CAMPUS BIG SCREEN

We'll be screening big summer sports events on our campus big screen on the piazza. Why not come along to cheer on your favourites for Wimbledon, Euro 2016 and the Olympics? Find out what's on at www.warwick.ac.uk/community

STAGE FEST 22 - 29 JUNE

Come and see student societies celebrate and perform across campus. Find out more at www.musictheatrewarwick.co.uk

KEY DATES

Degree Congregation Ceremonies

11am and 3pm each day, Mon 18 - Sat 23 July

Market Days at the Piazza 2016

10am-3pm 29 June, 12 October, 23 November, 30 November

Autumn Term

Mon 3 October 2016 - Sat 10 December 2016

Spring Term

Mon 9 January 2017 - Sat 18 March 2017

Summer Term

Mon 24 April 2017 - Sat 1 July 2017

Comments welcome

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