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Connecting the **University of Warwick** with its neighbours in **Coventry and Warwickshire**

CommUnity

Autumn 2015

Step into a world of pure imagination

For two days in October we're transforming our campus into a Festival of the Imagination and we're inviting you to step inside. Our family-friendly Festival, which runs from 16 to 17 October, is the main event of the University's 50th anniversary celebrations.

We'll be celebrating 50 years at the heart of your community by asking everyone to come onto campus. Featuring food, drink, entertainment, talks, lectures, performances, discussions and demonstrations, the Festival gives you the chance to share in some of the thought-provoking ideas, research and debate that has placed our University in such national and international regard.

There'll be a whole host of guest speakers and celebrities, many of whom have close links with either the University or the local area. BBC's Saturday Kitchen regular and honorary graduate Vivek Singh will be exploring the benefits of Indian spices on health and wellbeing, whilst *The Selecter*

singer Pauline Black will be part of a panel reflecting on the social effect of Coventry's Two Tone movement.

The events will cover a diverse range of topics from testing racing skills in a track driving simulator to music to cookery demonstrations. Our free family events include what robots could be doing for us, and a look at life beyond planet earth.

In between all the talks and activities, you can enjoy tasty international street food. You may even want to sample our specially brewed anniversary beer 'The Hopping Grad'!

We would really love to see as many of you as possible on campus and would encourage you to book your tickets as soon as possible. Many of the events are free but should be booked in advance, however booking isn't required for the Discovery Zone or fringe events. Visit warwick.ac.uk/imagination now.

Featured events



Life is Best When You Improvise
In partnership with Cheltenham Festivals
Friday 16 Oct 7.30-8.30pm



Spices for Health
A masterclass with Vivek Singh
Saturday 17 Oct 3.45-5.45pm



FREE Taster Classes
Languages, Mindfulness, Environmental Change and much more.
Saturday 17 Oct various start times
See warwick.ac.uk/about/warwick50/events/imagination/tasterclasses

Who's who? Our guest speakers include:

- ▶ Michelin starred Chef Director at Kenilworth's The Cross Adam Bennett
- ▶ Former BBC media correspondent and Warwick alumnus Torin Douglas
- ▶ Inspirational polar explorer and Coventrian Mark Wood
- ▶ Emmy and BAFTA award winning screenwriter, former teacher at the University and honorary graduate Andrew Davies
- ▶ Comedienne and actress Josie Lawrence, best known for her work with the Comedy Store Players improvisational troupe and television series *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*

Prof Stuart Croft announced as next University of Warwick Vice-Chancellor & President

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Stuart Croft as our next Vice-Chancellor and President to succeed Professor Sir Nigel Thrift in February 2016. Professor Croft joined Warwick in 2007 as Professor of International Security in the Department of Politics and International Studies and went on to become a Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research and is currently the University's Provost.



Science City Research Alliance

Science City Research Alliance (SCRA) brings together the West Midlands' two leading research universities, Warwick and the University of Birmingham, in collaborative projects in advanced materials, energy and translational medicine.

The Science City Research Alliance is now celebrating the success of a programme that has brought together a diverse range of successful initiatives:

- ▶ Over £65 million in science and business support funding brought into our region
- ▶ Researchers using Science City equipment have now levered nearly £200 million in additional funding from UK research councils, European funding, Innovate UK and industry
- ▶ 20 new spin-out companies have been created and 2 spin-in companies attracted
- ▶ More than 450 knowledge intensive jobs have been created or safeguarded through the programme. A further 115 graduates have entered regional employment after completing PhDs, Masters or final year projects linked to Science City
- ▶ More than 300 regional businesses have engaged directly in the Science City programme. Many of these have gone on to develop longer-term collaborations with the universities. Around 170 workshops have been held engaging with research, industry and policy audiences
- ▶ More than 1500 people have been trained on the Science City equipment.

Six projects have been funded in total between the Universities of Warwick and Birmingham surrounding the key themes of Energy Futures, Advanced Materials and Translational Medicine.

Find out more at warwick.ac.uk/sciencecities



Largest UK Breast Cancer Physiotherapy Trial

What is expected to be the biggest UK study on the effect of physiotherapy on women after breast cancer surgery is to be led by Warwick Medical School in partnership with University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire (UHCW) NHS Trust.

The Warwick Clinical Trials Unit, which is part of the University of Warwick, has been awarded £1.4million to conduct the trial. Funded by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) it will explore whether physiotherapy has a beneficial impact for women having treatment for breast cancer.

Full house in top 100 rankings

In our fiftieth year we've been named as one of the world's top universities, increasing our position in all three of the major world university rankings. We rose 23 places to 80th in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings, whilst in the QS annual World University Rankings we rose 13 places to be ranked 48th. In addition, the Shanghai Jiao Tong Academic Ranking of World Universities placed us at 92nd, a 96 place jump since last year, confirming our place as one of the world's best universities.

The Chancellor's Commission - an opportunity to share your thoughts

Lord Rootes chaired the Committee which led to the foundation of a new university for Coventry and Warwickshire, a university with a particular vision for forging academic links with business and industry across the Midlands.

Now, as the University of Warwick marks its fiftieth anniversary, a Warwick Commission, chaired by our Chancellor Sir Richard Lambert, is considering the future role of the University in Coventry, Warwickshire and the wider region. Sir Richard is leading a panel of Commissioners to



formulate recommendations that will ensure our considerable links in the Midlands remain strong and continue to build on the original vision of five decades ago.

The Commission is bringing together the views and ideas of regional stakeholders including local government, the LEP, business interests and the community, as well as incorporating academic input, to look at the future in terms of issues such as:

- ▶ **Economic impact** - including inward investment and the area's profile and reputation nationally
- ▶ **Innovation**
- ▶ **Education & training** - particularly educational attainment
- ▶ **Culture & community** - including social impact, sustainable growth and health and wellbeing
- ▶ **Physical** - enabling infrastructure (rail, roads, technology etc.) to deliver these benefits
- ▶ **Global connections** - the area's profile and reputation globally
- ▶ **Other** - any other dimensions important to the area, its leaders and communities

How can you get involved?

Sir Richard and the Commission would welcome your thoughts on how the University can contribute to the ambitions and priorities of your local community. Let them know your thoughts and ideas by:

- ▶ Completing the online survey - warwick.ac.uk/chancellorscommission/communitysurvey
- ▶ Attending the Neighbourhood Hearing - warwick.ac.uk/chancellorscommission/events/neighbourhood-hearing

Find out more at warwick.ac.uk/chancellorscommission



Coventry UK City of Culture bid

The University of Warwick is backing the city of Coventry as it looks to make a bid to become UK City of Culture in 2021. The steering group includes Warwick's Registrar and Chief Operating Officer Ken Sloan, who said:

"The University of Warwick is delighted that the city of Coventry is gearing up to bid to be named UK City of Culture in 2021. This

would be an extraordinary opportunity for the city and the wider area and the University will play an active part in helping to make this a reality. The engagement of universities has been an important feature of previous City of Culture bids and through our Warwick Arts Centre, our vibrant student body and our excellent academic departments we will offer every support to the bid team."

Something for everyone



WARWICK ARTS CENTRE FAMILY WEEKEND 2015 SAT 28 & SUN 29 NOVEMBER, 10AM-5PM

Our regular Family Days & Weekends are a firm favourite and this winter we invite you to journey through a programme of events and activities that are sure to keep you entertained for the whole day. There'll be workshops, performances, sports activities and lots of free things to do as we all Go on a Journey. So grab a pen and jot the date in the diary.

Find out more at warwickartscentre.co.uk/whats-on/2015/family-weekend-2015

BECOME A MEMBER OF WARWICK SPORT

Warwick Sport offers a range of membership options to the general public, which include access to sports and leisure facilities such as our swimming pool, sauna, badminton, tennis and squash courts, climbing wall, athletics track and Technogym equipped Lifestyle Gym. Our platinum membership includes unlimited classes.

Find out more at warwick.ac.uk/warwick sport/memberships

KEY DATES

Autumn Term

Mon 5 October 2015 - Sat 12 December 2015

Spring Term

Mon 11 January 2016 - Sat 19 March 2016

Summer Term

Mon 25 April 2016 - Sat 2 July 2016

Market Days at the Piazza 10am-3pm

14 Oct, 16 Oct, 17 Oct, 11 Nov, 28 Nov, 29 Nov, 9 Dec



New sculpture marks our 50th Anniversary

A sculpture by one of Britain's greatest living artists was unveiled on campus in August. Entitled Habitat the artwork by David Nash OBE RA has been installed to mark the University's 50th anniversary.

The artwork is sited at the entrance to the Diamond Wood which itself is a new plantation on the south-west of the campus on the Sustrans cycle path. The woodland is open to the public and is part of the Jubilee Woods project which aimed to create 60 new woods of 60 acres to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The wood features native species including oaks, birch, field maples and hawthorns and incorporates paths and glades that the University hopes local people will use to explore and enjoy the natural environment.

Free online courses

In partnership with FutureLearn we are running three free online courses over the coming months. Anyone can register and no prior knowledge of the subject matter is needed:

Shakespeare and His World

Together with the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, Professor Jonathan Bate explores Shakespeare, his works and the world he lived in.

Starts 5th October for 10 weeks

Babies in Mind: Why the Parent's Mind Matters

Find out how parents and caregivers influence children's minds, from conception through infancy.

Starts 12th October for 4 weeks

The Mind is Flat: The Shocking Shallowness of Human Psychology

Make better personal and professional decisions, considering the psychological dimension to choices.

Starts 9th November for 6 weeks

Find out more and sign up at futurelearn.com/partners/the-university-of-warwick

Comments welcome

If you have any questions or comments about this newsletter, or any other aspect of the University of Warwick, please call **024 7615 0708** or email: community@warwick.ac.uk To find out more about our activities visit www.warwick.ac.uk/community

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