



WTC Community and Cultural Committee 13th April 2023

Unlocking Warwick Summary Report

Management of the group

Now that David Kelham has just ended his term of office as High Sheriff of Warwickshire, he will be able to devote a little more time to Unlocking Warwick as its newly elected Chair. The volunteer group is still in need of a Secretary after Rick Thompson stepped down from that role after many years. Meanwhile the activities of the group continue with sub-group leaders organising the regular community activities.

Continuing UW Activities

- **In The Ballroom.** The monthly talk, tea and quiz returned in March with Tim Clark talking about the history of St. Mary's in its 900th anniversary year. 'In The Ballroom' is nearly always sold out. These social teas will continue through the year on the second Wednesday of each month. A full programme of speakers has been arranged by Ann Lettis and George Palmer. Helen Fellows and a team of helpers are organising it on the day.
- **Ballroom Board Games.** A second monthly social featuring various table-top games such as dominoes, ludo, cards, and yahtzee began in March. Sue Rigby and a small team of volunteers are organising the Ballroom Board Games on the fourth Tuesdays for three months as an experiment. Twelve people turned up for the first session and said they thoroughly enjoyed it. We hope they will spread the word.
- **Free Court House Tours** returned at Easter for selected Saturdays through the summer.
- **Helping in the Visitor Centre.** Several volunteers continue to help Liz and her team in the VIC covering sickness and holidays.
- **Research.** We aim to develop our historical research activities to give more exposure for the town treasures/assets, and for more themed displays in the VIC. For the week of the Coronation we are preparing a display of old photographs of Royal Visits to Warwick and Leamington.
- **Summer Social.** Members of the Community and Cultural Committee are invited to drop in to the Unitarian Chapel garden between 6pm and 8pm on Saturday July 22nd to meet some of the volunteers over drinks and buffet food.

High Sheriff's Community Awards

In his final week of office, David Kelham presented awards to more than 30 voluntary organisations and individuals for their contributions to life in Warwickshire. Unlocking Warwick was one of the recipients, recognising the work of the volunteers over nearly 10 years, making the Court House a centre of community activity, and celebrating Warwick's heritage.