
Warwick Court Leet

Good evening Mr Mayor, ladies and gentlemen. This is the Annual Report of the Court Leet of the Worshipful Town Mayor and Chief Burgesses of Warwick, founded in 1554.

I'm pleased to report that Warwick Court Leet has had another busy and successful year. We continue to have very strong and friendly relationships with the Court Leets of Henley in Arden, Bromsgrove and Alcester supporting each others events throughout the year.

The main event of the year for us was the Annual Warwick Beer, Cider, and Music Festival and which, for the first time, included the sale of Prosecco. It was held last year at the Marching Bands Head Quarters on a couple of very hot days in July. Due to the heat, Wimbledon Finals day, Football World Cup and Leamington's Carnival, attendance was not as great as in previous years however a reasonable sum of money was raised to be distributed for the benefit of the town and worthy causes within CV34.

In February this year we again organised and held the second Beer and Cider Festival at the Lord Leycester Hospital in order to raise funds towards the renovation and upkeep of this historic building. And again this event proved to be highly successful.

Another successful and enjoyable event was the Court Leet Carol Service held in the chapel of the Lord Leycester Hospital, followed by supper in the Great Hall. This has now become a regular fixture in the Court Leet calendar due to its increasing popularity.

The Court also, for the second year, organised and ran the Warwick Classic Car Show in the Market Square. This event was again very well attended with vehicles from all over the country being admired by a large number of people.

The annual Assizes Day was held last June, when Jurors and Officers visited a number of retailers within the town ensuring the goods they were selling were suitable for the consumption of the people of Warwick. Those visited include a baker, a butcher and fish and chip shop with the final call, as always, being at one of our many local hostelries, followed by a much needed meal.

Finally, at the beginning of March it was our turn to hold the Inter Court Games and for the first time they were held in the meeting rooms at Warwick Castle. Jousting and Archery were not allowed but an excellent evening was enjoyed by sixty odd jurors and their partners from Alcester, Bromsgrove, Henley in Arden and Warwick. Alcester, yet again, were the overall winners.

So as I said earlier it has been a good but very busy twelve months and I should like to take this opportunity of thanking The Mayor, as Lord of the Leet, for all the support he has given the Court during his term of office.