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## Stratford-upon-Avon Town Council News August 2026

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## Free parking at Stratford Park & Ride

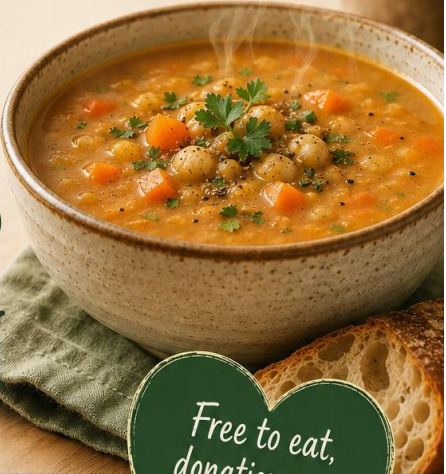
Planning a visit to Stratford-upon-Avon this summer?

From 1–31 August, enjoy FREE parking at Stratford Park & Ride and travel into the town centre with ease. Skip the hassle of finding parking in town, sit back and enjoy a convenient journey to explore the town.

Whether you're visiting for shopping, sightseeing, or a day out, Park & Ride makes getting into the town centre simple and stress-free.

More information can be found here: [www.stratford.gov.uk/parking-roads-transport/park-and-ride.cfm](http://www.stratford.gov.uk/parking-roads-transport/park-and-ride.cfm)

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*A warm bowl.  
A warm welcome.*

————— ♥ —————

Join the Mayor of  
Stratford-upon-Avon  
for her

**SOUP  
LUNCH**

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📅 Monday 3 August 2026

🕒 1pm-2:30pm

📍 Town Hall, Sheep Street,  
Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6EF

📞 For more information,  
please call the Town Hall on  
**01789 269332**

✉ or email  
**info@stratford-tc.gov.uk**

Free to eat,  
donations are  
most welcome!



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## Mobile Library Service

Did you know there's a Mobile Library stop at Harvard Place, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 8GA?

The Warwickshire Mobile Library brings books, audiobooks and other library services right to your community, making it easy to borrow, return and discover something new without travelling to a library branch.

We're keen to make sure as many local residents as possible know about this fantastic service. If you or someone you know would benefit from having the library visit closer to home, why not pop along to the Harvard Place stop?

You can find the dates and times of upcoming visits here: [apps.warwickshire.gov.uk/Mobil.../library\\_routes/129](https://apps.warwickshire.gov.uk/Mobil.../library_routes/129)

Please help us spread the word by sharing this post with friends, family and neighbours. Every visit helps keep this valuable community service thriving!

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## Shakespeare Family Homes

Did you know that if you're a CV37 resident, you can visit the Shakespeare Family Homes for free...

Spend an afternoon exploring the beautiful gardens at Anne Hathaway's Cottage, where little ones can borrow Explorer Backpacks before stopping for an ice cream at the Garden Café. Start the first stop on our family trail at Shakespeare's Birthplace, then enjoy live performances of Shakespeare's greatest plays in the gardens. Or simply relax in the sunshine amongst the flowers or enjoy lawn games in the New Place Gardens.

The best part? General admission to all Shakespeare Family Homes is completely FREE for CV37 residents.

Find out more at [www.shakespeare.org.uk/residents-go-free/](http://www.shakespeare.org.uk/residents-go-free/)

## Need a hand with technology?

Whether you're puzzled by your phone, struggling with a laptop, trying to get the most from your tablet, or need help using the library computers, the IT Help Group is there to help.



Running every Monday from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at the Library on Henley Street, their friendly team of knowledgeable volunteers can assist with all major operating systems and a wide range of everyday technology questions. The group has been supporting the local community for over 20 years, providing free, patient, one-to-one help in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

Booking through the library is recommended, but you're also welcome to drop in if there's space. Best of all, it's completely free.

They're always keen to welcome new volunteers too. If you enjoy helping others and have IT skills to share, they would love to hear from you.

For more information or to book a session, contact the library on 0300 555 8171.



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## Mayor's Engagements

If you would like to request the Mayors attendance at an event, please click on the link below and complete the online form. Once received we will check availability and contact you as soon as possible: [stratford-tc.gov.uk/the-mayors-diary/](https://stratford-tc.gov.uk/the-mayors-diary/)

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# Summer Fun!

## Waterside Summer Festival

**Where:** Waterside, Stratford-upon-Avon

**When:** Tuesday 11 - Thursday 13 August 2026

**Times:** 10am – 5pm

### FREE Entry

Visit Waterside for three wild days of FREE family fun as the riverside transforms into an immersive jungle adventure inspired by the magic and wonder of the Jungle Book!

What can you expect?

- 🌿 Immersive Jungle-Themed Experience
- 🎪 FREE Family Entertainment
- 🐒 Exciting Activities & Surprises
- 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 Perfect Family Day Out
- ☀️ School Holiday Fun
- 🐕 Dog Friendly
- 📍 Stunning Riverside Location

Whether you're hunting for adventure, exploring the jungle atmosphere, or simply making memories with family and friends, there's something for everyone to enjoy!





**Rotary Club**  
of Stratford-upon-Avon  
Evening Group



*Shakespeare*  
**Charity Duck Race**

Supporting 

**AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY SATURDAY**  
**at 2.00pm**  
**START FROM LUCY'S MILL**  
**Opposite Holy Trinity Church (Rec side)**  
**Stratford-upon-Avon**

[www.stratforduponavonrotary.co.uk](http://www.stratforduponavonrotary.co.uk) @StratfordRotaryClub

You can buy your tickets at **ROHAN**, 38 Sheep Street, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6EE  
For corporate ducks contact Gilly Rushton at [gillyrushton@gmail.com](mailto:gillyrushton@gmail.com)

Supported by  
**STRATFORD UPON AVON BID**



## The Hugh Clopton Trail

a FREE digital family friendly trail

Step back in time and see medieval  
Stratford-upon-Avon in a new light  
all through your smartphone!



[www.theguildchapel.org.uk](http://www.theguildchapel.org.uk)

The  
National Lottery  
Heritage Fund

Historic  
England

Department for  
Digital, Culture,  
Media & Sport

  
The Guild Chapel







In partnership with  
Stratford-upon-Avon  
**Foodbank**

## Together We Can: Craft Day!

14<sup>th</sup> August | Cobbs Farm Shop | 11am-3pm

Join us for a fun-filled creative day for kids.



Help us decorate our brand-new hub by designing your very own can artwork.



Entries will be judged, and the winners will be invited to see their artwork proudly displayed at Masons Road Hub.



no booking required | free event  
with materials provided | drop in  
anytime between 11am-3pm |  
parents to stay with children

Ending  
hunger  
together

**STRATFORD FAMILY CLUB**  
*Summer Special*

FUN FOR LITTLE ONES & BIG ONES ALIKE!

**STAY & PLAY SESSIONS**

| WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|-----------|----------|--------|
| 29        | 20       | 28     |
| JULY      | AUGUST   | AUGUST |

9.30AM - 11.00AM

STRATFORD METHODIST CHURCH

**TICKETS ESSENTIAL**  
Book online to secure your place!

**TICKET PRICES**

| £2           | £4                  |
|--------------|---------------------|
| PRESCHOOLERS | SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN |

**PAYING BY CARD?**  
An extra 10p per transaction will be added to cover costs.

TOYS, CRAFTS, PUZZLES, BOOKS & SO MUCH MORE!

NEW FRIENDS, BIG SMILES, PRECIOUS MEMORIES!

BOOK YOUR TICKETS ONLINE:  
<https://tickets.matterpay.com/s/stratford-family-club>

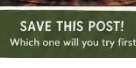
**STRATFORD FAMILY CLUB**  
CONNECT • PLAY • GROW



# 10 FREE FAMILY MICROADVENTURES

## THIS SUMMER

ADVENTURE IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK.

|    |                                                                                     |                                                                                                              |                                                                                                         |                                                                                                           |                                                                                                              |
|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  |    | <b>Watch a Sunrise</b><br>Worth the early alarm.                                                             |  Coffee                |  Hot chocolate           |  Blanket                  |
| 2  |    | <b>Go Stargazing</b><br>The bedtime routine can wait... just this once.                                      |  Spot a satellite      |  Wish on a shooting star |  Wrap up warm             |
| 3  |    | <b>Eat Breakfast Outdoors</b><br>Breakfast tastes better outside. We're fairly sure that's science.          |  Breakfast             |  Picnic blanket          |  Anywhere counts          |
| 4  |    | <b>Find a Tree Worth Hugging</b><br>Every family needs a favourite tree.                                     |  Hug it                |  Climb it                |  Take a photo together    |
| 5  |    | <b>Butterfly Safari</b><br>Bonus points if someone confidently identifies a moth.                            |  Count butterflies     |  Identify one            |  Look slowly              |
| 6  |    | <b>Dance in the Rain</b><br>Laundry is tomorrow's problem.                                                   |  Waterproofs           |  Splash freely           |  Hot chocolate afterwards |
| 7  |    | <b>Skip Stones</b><br>"Just one more throw..."                                                               |  Find flat stones      |  Count the bounces       |  Family champion          |
| 8  |    | <b>Create Nature Art</b><br>Leave it behind for another explorer to discover.                                |  Leaves                |  Flowers                 |  Stones                   |
| 9  |    | <b>Go on a Dusk Wildlife Walk</b><br>The wildlife won't know you're coming... unless the children tell them. |  Look for bats         |  Listen for owls         |  Walk quietly             |
| 10 |  | <b>Watch a Sunset Somewhere New</b><br>The perfect excuse to stay out just a little longer.                  |  Somewhere different |  Warm drink            |  Family photo           |

 **SAVE THIS POST!**  
Which one will you try first?

 **Make the outdoors yours.**

# BISHOPTON FAMILY FUN DAY

**AUGUST 29TH FROM 2PM**



**TOMBOLA**



**FACE PAINTING**



**GAMES**



**AND FUN!**

**TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE BISHOPTON DEFIBRILLATOR**

**EVERY DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE!**

**DONATIONS WANTED FOR TOMBOLA AND RAFFLE**  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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## **New booking system for household waste recycling centres**

Warwickshire County Council has announced that a new hybrid booking system will be introduced across its Household Waste Recycling Centres which came into effect on Monday 20th July 2026.

### **There are no changes to arrangements for the Burton Farm site in Stratford-upon-Avon.**

The decision follows a review of the recent 'no booking' trial, which was implemented to assess the impact of removing booking and also to try to make it easier for residents to access their local recycling centre. The new approach is designed to make visits more reliable and reduce avoidable queuing at the busiest sites and times, while keeping access as flexible as possible for residents.

Find your local sites: [warwickshire.gov.uk/directory/9/recycling-centres/category/159](https://warwickshire.gov.uk/directory/9/recycling-centres/category/159)

For other locations, please see information below.

New Hybrid Booking Arrangements (Effective 20 July 2026):

- [Lower House Farm](#) - Booking required on Saturdays, Sundays, and Bank Holidays
- [Judkins](#) - Booking required on Saturdays, Sundays, and Bank Holidays
- [Hunters Lane](#) - Booking required seven days a week
- [Cherry Orchard](#) - No booking required
- [Princes Drive](#) - Booking required on Saturdays, Sundays, and Bank Holidays
- [Burton Farm](#) - No booking required
- [Wellesbourne](#) - Booking required on Saturdays and Sundays
- [Shipston](#) - No booking required
- [Stockton](#) - Booking required on Saturdays and Sundays

Residents are encouraged to check the requirements for their local site and secure their booking, where necessary, before travelling. Residents who need help to make a booking can contact Warwickshire County Council customer services.

The new system will allow residents to book in advance, on the day, or shortly before visiting where capacity is available. Booking will be quick and easy, including through the app.

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## **Civic Diary 2026**

### **Monday 12 October**

Opening of the Mop Fair, Town Centre

### **Sunday 8 November**

Remembrance Sunday, Garden of Remembrance

### **Wednesday 11 November**

Armistice Day

### **Saturday 14 November**

Christmas Lights Switch-on, Town Centre

### **Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 November**

Stratford Christmas Markets (weekend 1)

### **Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 December**

Stratford Christmas Markets (weekend 2)

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# Hubs in Stratford-upon-Avon

## Hubs – Stratford upon Avon

### **Net Zero Climate Hub**

30 Meer Street, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6QB  
Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays 10am-4pm

### **Arts & Heritage Hub**

The Old Slaughterhouse, Sheep Street CV37 6EE  
Mondays 1-3pm

### **RSC Warm Hub**

The Welcome Space, Level 2, Royal Shakespeare Theatre CV37 6BB  
Tuesdays 10:30am-12:30pm

### **Stratford Warm Hub**

Office 1, 11 Guild Street, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6RE  
Tuesdays 11am-12:30pm

### **Stratford Library** Henley Street CV37 6PZ

(general Library opening hours 9am-5pm Mon-Fri and 10am-3pm Sat)  
Wednesdays 1:30-4pm

### **Stratford Town Trust Community Hub**

Venture House, Avenue Farm Industrial Estate CV37 0HR  
First Thursday of the month 10am-12:30pm

### **St Gregory's Parish Room**

Welcombe Road, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6UJ  
Thursdays 11am-1pm

### **Clopton Connect Warm Hub**

Ken Kennett Centre, Justins Avenue CV37 0DA  
Fridays 1-3:30pm

### **Net Zero : Community Kitchen**

Ken Kennett Centre, Justins Avenue CV37 0DA All welcome.  
Pay as you feel.  
Fridays 5-6:30pm

January 2026



## NHS Services, Minor Injuries and Useful Contact Numbers

### Choosing the right service



|                |                            |                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>A&amp;E</b> | <b>A&amp;E</b>             | Choking<br>Blackout<br>Blood loss<br>Chest pains                                 | An <b>A&amp;E department</b> (also known as emergency department or casualty) deals with genuine life-threatening emergencies. People are seen and treated in order of need.            |
| <b>999</b>     | <b>999</b>                 | Choking<br>Blackout<br>Blood loss<br>Broken bones                                | Call <b>999</b> if someone is seriously ill or injured and their life is at risk.                                                                                                       |
|                | <b>Minor Injuries Unit</b> | Strains<br>Sprains<br>Stitches                                                   | Visit a <b>walk-in centre, minor injuries unit or urgent care centre</b> if you have a minor illness or injury (cuts, sprains or rashes) and it can't wait until your GP surgery opens. |
|                | <b>GP/Doctor</b>           | Persistent symptoms<br>Long term conditions<br>Chronic pain<br>New prescriptions | Make an <b>appointment with your GP</b> if you are feeling unwell and it is not an emergency.                                                                                           |
|                | <b>Pharmacist</b>          | Minor illnesses<br>Headaches<br>Stomach upset<br>Bites & stings                  | Ask your <b>local Pharmacist for advice</b> – your pharmacist can give you advice for many common minor illnesses.                                                                      |
|                | <b>NHS 111</b>             | Unsure?<br>Unwell?<br>Confused?<br>Need help?                                    | Call <b>NHS 111</b> if you urgently need medical help or advice but it's not a life-threatening situation. You can also call NHS 111 if you're not sure which NHS service you need.     |
|                | <b>Self Care</b>           | Coughs & colds<br>Grazed knees<br>Sore throats<br>Other minor issues             | A lot of illnesses can be treated in your home by using over the counter medicine and getting plenty of rest.                                                                           |

The Minor Injuries Unit at Stratford Hospital is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 9am-5pm.

- *Sprains and strains*
- *Broken bones*
- *Wound infections*
- *Minor burns and scalds*
- *Minor head injuries*
- *Insect and animal bites*
- *Minor eye injuries*
- *Injuries to the back, shoulder and chest*



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## Useful Contacts

|                                       |                            |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Local Police ( <b>Non-emergency</b> ) | 101                        |
| Severn Trent emergency line           | 0800 783 4444              |
| National gas emergency service        | 0800 111 999               |
| Power cuts                            | 105<br>0800 6783 105       |
| NHS                                   | 111                        |
| Late night pharmacy                   | 01789 200920               |
| Stratford Hospital                    | 01789 205831               |
| Warwick Hospital                      | 01926 495321               |
| UHCW Hospital                         | 02476 964000               |
| Stratford Foodbank                    | 07736 929029               |
| Stratford-upon-Avon Town Council      | 01789 269332               |
| Stratford-on-Avon District Council    | 01789 267575               |
| Warwickshire County Council           | 01926 410410               |
| Citizens Advice South Warwickshire    | 0808 250 5715              |
| VASA – Community Transport            | 01789 262889<br>(Option 1) |

## **Future Town Council Meetings**

**Tuesday 4 August 2026**  
**Community, Wellbeing & Place Committee**

**Tuesday 18 August 2026**  
**Planning, Environment & Transport Committee**

Meetings start at 6:30pm and are held in the Town Hall, Sheep Street,  
Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6EF

More information can be found here: [stratford-tc.gov.uk](http://stratford-tc.gov.uk)

## **Host your celebration at Stratford-upon-Avon Town Hall**



**A historic venue, ideal for celebrating life's  
special moments...**

**[www.stratforduatownhall.co.uk](http://www.stratforduatownhall.co.uk)**  
**T: 01789 269332**  
**E: [emma.evans@stratford-tc.gov.uk](mailto:emma.evans@stratford-tc.gov.uk)**



## Townswomen's Guild

### Next Meeting

Date: Thursday 6 August 2026

Location: Town Hall, Sheep Street, Stratford upon Avon

Time: 2:15pm (arrival from 2pm)

Featuring: Reiki Talk (TBC)

Refreshments and raffle

New Members Welcome!

The Stratford-upon-Avon Townswomen's Guild are now on Facebook!

Click on the link to view their

page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61573768105002>

## Community Corner

If you would like to share an event that town residents would enjoy, please send an email with more information to [info@stratford-tc.gov.uk](mailto:info@stratford-tc.gov.uk)

Want to see what's happening in the the town? From live events and local theatre to family days out and festivals, the new Stratford-upon-Avon What's On website has it all. Website: [What's On](#)



# SOUNDBITES RECITALS

The Friends of the Music of Holy Trinity Church present Soundbites on Wednesday every lunchtime featuring exceptional musicians, many from top conservatoires and music colleges.

Refreshments available from 12.15pm. Recital 1pm – 1.30pm.

|                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5 <sup>th</sup><br>August  | Lindsay Martin (flute) and<br>Colin Millington (piano)<br><small>Programme: Hypnosis – Clarke; Suite de Ballet for Flute and Piano -<br/>Vaughan Williams ; Fantasia no. 2 for Flute in A minor – Telemann;<br/>Sonata for Flute and Piano - Poulenc</small> |  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup><br>August | Clive Letchford (tenor) and<br>Gillian Parsons (piano)<br><small>Song recital featuring works by Richard Strauss, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor<br/>and Roger Quilter</small>                                                                                      |  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup><br>August | Simin Zheng (cello) and<br>Jinshuo Zhang (piano)<br><small>Programme: Prelude for Cello and Piano - Ernest John Moeran and<br/>Cello Sonata in A minor, Op.5 – Ethel Smyth</small>                                                                           |  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup><br>August | Holy Trinity Church Choristers<br><small>Programme to be confirmed</small>                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |

Free admission – retiring collection





## The Shakespeare Hospice Weekly Drop-In Session



**Mondays 2:00 - 3:30 pm**

Have questions about the support we offer, our services, or what we do at the Hospice?

Pop in to see us on Mondays from 2.00–3.30pm and we'll be happy to help.

On the second Monday of each month, our friends at **Jackson West Solicitors** also join us to answer legal questions, including advice on making a will.




# WARWICKSHIRE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE

Contact us for a wide range of information relating to children and young people aged 0-25, including: childcare, money, debt and benefits, housing, SEND, health and wellbeing, and so much more.



Scan me

[warwickshire.gov.uk/fis](http://warwickshire.gov.uk/fis)

FREEPHONE: 0800 408 1558

Email: [fis@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:fis@warwickshire.gov.uk)



Stay up to date with the latest news to help your family at:

[warwickshire.gov.uk/parentupdates](http://warwickshire.gov.uk/parentupdates)



@WarwickshireFIS



## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH STRATFORD-UPON-AVON



### Can you help us CREATE A SEA OF REMEMBRANCE POPPIES?

Last year our wonderful community helped us begin covering the tree trunks along the path to **Holy Trinity Church** with beautiful handmade poppies for Remembrance.

**THIS YEAR WE'D LOVE TO MAKE THE DISPLAY EVEN BIGGER – AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



If you can **knit or crochet poppies**, whether you make one or twenty, every poppy will help create a meaningful tribute to those who gave so much.



Please consider **joining in** and encouraging your friends, family, knitting groups or crochet clubs to take part too.



If you'd like to help or would like more information, please contact Marie at:  
[mariemcdougall73@gmail.com](mailto:mariemcdougall73@gmail.com)

*Let's remember together*

**THIS NOVEMBER**  
LEST WE FORGET



THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR  
SUPPORT!

♥ EVERY POPPY MAKES A DIFFERENCE ♥

#Remembrance #Poppies #Knitting #Crochet #Community #LestWeForget  
#HolyTrinityChurch #StratfordUponAvon



## Job Vacancy: Administrator

We're looking for a calm, organised administrator who supports volunteers, keeps accurate records, and ensures smooth Foodbank operations.

- 16 hours/week, flexible schedule
- £13.45/hour
- Apply by 2<sup>nd</sup> August
- Interviews 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> August

Visit our website to apply:  
[www.stratforduponavon.foodbank.org.uk/jobs](http://www.stratforduponavon.foodbank.org.uk/jobs)

Ending  
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# Coffee & Chat

No charge,  
donations  
welcome



Friendship

Chat

Cake

**Thursday 6th August**  
**Holy Trinity Parish Centre**  
**in the Lounge**  
**11am-1pm**

Lives changed through God's love



## Volunteer Trustee opportunity

with **Clifford Chambers Charities**



-  Would you like to volunteer to support an important local and historic charity?
-  Could you be one of 8 Trustees who meet monthly to manage a charity that provides education and welfare grants and manages low-cost community housing owned by the Charity for local people who are in housing need in the Parish of Clifford Chambers & Milcote.
-  We are particularly looking for a volunteer with a legal and welfare background.



 Expressions of interest from any potential volunteer are welcomed.

 For further information and a full role specification please contact [clerk@cliffordchamberscharities.com](mailto:clerk@cliffordchamberscharities.com).

 Applications by **7th September 2026** please.



HOLY TRINITY  
CHURCH  
STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

# An Evensong for Anne Shakespeare

**SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 5.00 P.M.**

The Friends of Shakespeare's Church invite you to a service of Evensong in commemoration of Anne Shakespeare, who was buried next to her husband, William Shakespeare, on this date in 1623.

A specially-sourced choir, conducted by Paul Trepte, will sing the service, with responses by William Byrd (who died the same year as Anne).

There will be an Anne Shakespeare themed sermon – the fourth of its kind – given by guest preacher, Dr Elizabeth Hardy.

*Refreshments available. Please tell your friends.*

HEERE LYETH INTERRED THE BODY OF ANNE WIFE  
OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE WHO DERRIED THIS LIFE THE  
6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGV 1623 BEING OF THE AGE OF 67 YEARES  
Vbera tu mater tu lac vitamq dedisti  
Vae mihi pro tanto munere saxa dabo  
Quam mallem amoueat lapidem bonus angl<sup>us</sup> ore  
Exeat christi corpus imago tua  
Sed nil vota valent venias cito Christo refurget  
Clausa licet tumulo mater et astra petet

**Stratford-upon-Avon  
BRIDGE CLUB**

# COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday 15 August • 10am to 12 noon**

**Whether you are new to bridge,  
new to the area, play kitchen  
bridge, used to play at a club, or  
just curious come along and...**

- ♣ See our Clubhouse - purpose-built premises with parking
- ♣ Chat with members and teachers
- ♣ Try a game of bridge or mini bridge
- ♣ Enrol for our Autumn teaching programme
- ♣ Learn about our wide range of activities
- ♣ Enjoy complementary refreshments

**Bridge sessions 6 days  
a week for all levels**

**Classes for beginners  
and improvers (see over)**

**Masterclass and  
development sessions**

**Competitions and  
Social Activities**



For more information  
contact Sandra by emailing  
[teaching@stratforduponavonbridgeclub.org.uk](mailto:teaching@stratforduponavonbridgeclub.org.uk)  
or just come along on the day

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A promotional poster for Coffee Morning. The background is a photograph of a white cup of coffee with orange-colored milk and a white latte art design, sitting on a white saucer. In the top left corner, there is a small glass vase with dried orange flowers. The text "Coffee Morning" is prominently displayed in large, bold letters, with "Coffee" in brown and "Morning" in dark grey. Above "Coffee" are four small brown dots. Below the title, the text "Every Tuesday 11am - 12.30pm", "Swan House, 11 Guild Street", and "Stratford-upon-Avon" is written in a brown font. At the bottom left, the logo for "MUNICIPAL CHARITIES OF STRATFORD-UPON-AVON" is shown, featuring the text in blue and green with a small icon of three people.



# REPAIR CAFE

Stratford-upon-Avon  
**FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH**

Donations  
welcome!

**10am - 2pm (last item 1pm)**  
**Stratford Methodist Church**

Limited parking - walk/cycle if you can

Refreshments  
provided!

Repairs on offer can vary each month but usually include:  
electrical, bikes, clothing & fabric, IT, tool sharpening.

Plus 'Give & Take' monthly swap event.



We advise you visit our website below before you visit to see any  
up-to-date information.

[www.stratfordrepaircafe.co.uk](http://www.stratfordrepaircafe.co.uk)



Run in partnership by Net Zero Stratford & Stratford Town Trust.



## Bereavement Café 2026

Our drop in bereavement cafe is on the first  
Wednesday of every month. Open to anyone who  
would like a coffee, a chat and the support of  
others who understand what you are going through.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**  
**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept**  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July**  
**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct**  
**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec**

Community Wellbeing Hub,  
Ground Floor @ Stratford Hospital 3.30-5pm



**SAMARITANS**



**NHS**  
South Warwickshire University  
NHS Foundation Trust



# GIVE AND TAKE

FREE  
ENTRY

FREE  
STUFF

SAVE MONEY - REDUCE WASTE - RECLAIM YOUR SPACE

Bring along your unwanted, good quality items for the month's theme and help yourself to anything that has been given by others

### 2026 SCHEDULE

**WHEN:** First Saturday of the month from March 2026  
**WHERE:** Stratford Methodist Church 10am - 1pm  
 The Pavilion, Meon Vale 2pm - 4pm

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| <div style="background-color: orange; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: white;">MAR</div> <div style="background-color: lightgreen; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: green;">APR</div> <div style="background-color: lightblue; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: blue;">MAY</div> <div style="background-color: yellow; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: brown;">JUN</div> <div style="background-color: lightgreen; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: green;">JUL</div> <div style="background-color: orange; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: white;">AUG</div> <div style="background-color: lightblue; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: blue;">SEPT</div> <div style="background-color: yellow; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: brown;">OCT</div> <div style="background-color: lightgreen; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: green;">NOV</div> <div style="background-color: orange; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: white;">DEC</div> | <div style="background-color: orange; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Clothes &amp; accessories</div> <div style="background-color: lightgreen; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Plants, pots and seeds</div> <div style="background-color: lightblue; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Kids stuff (toys, books, clothes)</div> <div style="background-color: yellow; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Books &amp; magazines</div> <div style="background-color: lightgreen; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Homewares</div> <div style="background-color: orange; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Anything!</div> <div style="background-color: lightblue; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Clothes &amp; accessories</div> <div style="background-color: yellow; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Books &amp; magazines</div> <div style="background-color: lightgreen; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Arts &amp; crafts accessories</div> <div style="background-color: orange; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Christmas stuff, toys and games</div> |
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- No need to give an item to take one

- No electrical items

- Clean and usable items only

- No money required but donations welcome

2026 is the  
'National Year of Reading'

so there will be a small selection of books available to take every month



## Stratford upon-Avon

METHODIST CHURCH

# Brunch



2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month  
 10.00am to 12 noon



Join us for Cereals, Toast & Juice  
 Full cooked breakfast  
 Tea & Coffee



No charge but donations please

**Stratford-upon-Avon Town Council are proud to support the following organisations.**



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### **Get in touch**

If you have any ideas or suggestions for our Newsletter, we would love to hear them. Please email us at [info@stratford-tc.gov.uk](mailto:info@stratford-tc.gov.uk). You can call us on 01789 269332.

If you would like to discuss an issue in your ward, or with a specific concern of the Stratford-upon-Avon Town Council, you can reach out directly to a Councillor. Call the Town Hall on 01789 269332.



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