



# WARWICKSHIRE AND COVENTRY HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

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Summer event 2015 - 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm

## 'Celebration of England'

Spring has sprung and here at the WCHCT we are already in the throes of planning our next big summer event on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

Following on from the success of our sell out concert at Whichford in 2013 and our Helen Castor Event last summer we are delighted to announce that Tamsin Waley Cohen will be performing in our 3<sup>rd</sup> summer event 'A celebration of England'

Tamsin Waley-Cohen was born in London in 1986. She became a Foundation Scholar, studying with Itzhak Rashkovsky, at the Royal College of Music where she won all

available awards, including – twice – the concerto competition, and was



their String Player of the Year in 2005. Since 2007 she has played the 1721 ex-Fenyves Stradivarius violin.

Our event will be held at the beautiful All Saints Church in Burton Dassett and tickets are now on sale from £ 25.00 depending on where you would like to sit. Please email Claire Ragg [claire@everythingbutthetea.com](mailto:claire@everythingbutthetea.com) for a booking form.

### Are you having a major fundraising event at your church?

If so why not let us know and we can advertise this for you on our website and in our newsletter.

Send you event details to [claire@everythingbutthetea.com](mailto:claire@everythingbutthetea.com)

## NOTICE OF AGM 2015 Including a thanksgiving event

20th May 2015 at 7.00pm

St Mary's Magdalene Church

Hearsall Lane,

Coventry, CV5 8DR

### AGM with a difference!

This year we are holding our AGM in the lovely St Mary's Magdalene Church in Coventry. Trustee Jim Canning took on the task of organising this year's event which includes an evening of Communal Singing led by two Coventry Church Choirs, a Pentecost Play with Special Effects, and a half-hour Concert by a Group of Semi-professional singers and Musician. The General theme of the Worship and Concert Event is 'Light'.



We would love to welcome as many if not all of our members as possible and share what promises to be a fun evening. Light refreshments will be provided. Please call or email Claire Ragg to let us know if you can make it. Telephone 07880 568946 or email [claire@everythingbutthetea.com](mailto:claire@everythingbutthetea.com)



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## Ride and Stride 2015 is on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September!

### Could you Stride or Stroll in 2015?

We are always looking for new ways to get people involved in our biggest fundraising event and this year we are looking to hold more walks in our towns.

Last year we held a walk around Warwick which was a great success and the suggested route we used will be up on our website again this year. Why not have a day out in Warwick and give it ago?

### Create a new walk for 2015!



Can you suggest a nice walk around your town to include stopping off at your local churches? How about a Buggy friendly route?

We would love to hear from you so please send your suggestions to [claire@everythingbutthetea.com](mailto:claire@everythingbutthetea.com) and we can look at putting together suggested routes for our striders and strollers.....

### Dates for your 2015 diary

20 <sup>th</sup> May	AGM meeting and thanksgiving party for members and non-members
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Event 'Celebration of England' at All Saint's Church, Burton Dassett
12 <sup>th</sup> September	Ride and Stride 2015

### Sign up your Church!

Churches, chapels and meeting houses throughout England are being encouraged to sign-up for the annual Ride + Stride churches fundraising day. Why not sign up yours and help raise money for repairs and restoration projects throughout Warwickshire and Coventry? If you would like to get involved or discuss ideas then please contact [claire@everythingbutthetea.com](mailto:claire@everythingbutthetea.com)

### Hear what adventurer, writer and Chief Scout Bear Grylls has to say about supporting Ride+Stride.

"Many historic churches, chapels and meeting houses are battling to survive. Roofs leak, ancient timbers rot and medieval stonework crumbles. Now you can help by joining the Ride + Stride adventure on Saturday 12th September 2015, a sponsored bike ride and walk discovering beautiful churches, chapels and meeting houses which raises money for their repair and preservation."





## The WCHCT recommended top 6 churches in Warwickshire

1. Beauchamp Chapel – Masterpiece of Medieval Art, final resting place of the mighty Earls of Warwick



2. St Martin, Barcheston – The grave of Sir Thomas Willington and his wife who started of tapestry making in England.



3. St John Berkswell on the edge of Coventry, with an ancient and hidden Norman crypt beneath the church.



4. St Mary Whitchurch is well kept secret lies hidden by surrounding trees in the heart of a field in rural Warwickshire close to the narrow banks of the River Stour.



5. St Peter Wootton Wawen, truly Anglo Saxon and ancient it was old when the Normans arrived.



6. Holy Trinity Coventry, crafted in the 1430's, this spectacular painting of the Last Judgement, also known as the "Coventry Doom", was created above the tower arch.





## Sir William Dugdale - 1922-2014



“Bill” Dugdale our longest serving Trustee, who died toward the end of last year was beloved of so many in this his home County. Known universally as “Bill Dugdale” he represented the very essence of the Midlands. Always controversial, fearless, personally, socially and professionally and always forthright there was no mistaking his purpose or values.

His popular claim to esteem amongst the loyal fan base of Aston Villa lay in presiding over the club’s spectacular climb from the third division to the Premier League and their triumph in the ‘81-2 European Cup.

Yet horse racing was his sport of choice. He was passionate in his commitment to racing, riding in the 1953 Grand National before taking on the less dangerous – in some people’s eyes – role of Chief Disciplinary Steward of the Jockey Club. Always prepared to commit to public service he became Chair of the National Water Council and retained his interest going on to chair Severn Trent Water. He was Leader of the County Council in the ‘60s engaged in the Chelmsley Wood development following Birmingham’s slum clearances and laying the foundations for the South West Midlands economy as it came out of the post war economic malaise.

Bill was triumphant in so much that he did, however. Joining the Grenadier Guards he was mentioned in dispatches at Anzio and received his Military Cross at the age of 21 for “outstanding bravery under fire” in Tunisia. After the war he practiced as a solicitor, sat as a JP and was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for Warwickshire. He was High Sheriff of the County in 1971 and appointed CBE in 1985.

We shall miss his reassuring presence, his sense of the values of tradition, permanence and past achievements, his breadth of vision...and his laughter.

He is succeeded by Matthew (William Matthew Stratford) Dugdale as 3<sup>rd</sup> Baronet.

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