St Marie’s Catholic Church
Oak Street, Rugby, CV22 5EL
The amazing spire of St Marie’s RC church on the Dunchurch Road has been a landmark to the people of Rugby for several generations. Designed by AW Pugin and opened in 1847, the church had grown to its present form by 1872. Apart from its architecture, it has many fascinating details of local interest, so do come and learn a little of this part of Rugby’s history.
Explore the church on Monday 13th September from 14:00 - 17:00 or on Saturday 21st September from 11:00 - 13:00. Guided tours are on the half hour throughout. All are welcome and there is easy access for all-comers. No booking required. Refreshments will be available in the unique coach-house on site. Park on Dunchurch Road.

St John The Baptist Church
The Locks, Hillmorton, Rugby, CV21 4PP
The beautiful St John the Baptist Church has been serving the community of Hillmorton for nearly a thousand years. It is now secluded between the main West Coast railway line and the Oxford Canal. Previous generations have maintained the church to provide a place of Christian worship, building and repairing the fabric, whilst continuing as a parish church serving local residents. The churchyard is a place of beauty and tranquility with wild areas and a recently opened memorial garden. It also contains a War Grave.
Come along on Saturday 14th September 10:30 - 16:00 for refreshments and information about the history of the building as well as the current active life of the church. Open Saturday 14th September 10:30-16:00. No booking required. Full wheelchair access into building. Limited access to chancel area (2 small steps).

Rugby School Museum & Tour
The Book Shop, Barby Road, Rugby, CV22 5DP
This guided walking tour around Rugby School includes the School Museum, The Close, Chapel and other points of historical interest. The museum houses many fascinating artefacts, including the first written rules of Rugby Football and examples of early balls and caps. See ‘The Close’ where the game began, The Old Quad where Tom Brown played, and walk in the footsteps of Lewis Carroll. There are many examples of William Butterfield’s stunning architecture to be seen on this fascinating tour.
Tours available on Saturday 14th & 21st September 14:00 - 15:30. There are limited spaces and tours must be booked in advance through Rugby Visitor Centre. Tel: (01788) 533217 or email: visitor.centre@rugby.gov.uk

Vintage Bus Tour
Rugby Visitor Centre, Little Elbowr Street, Rugby, CV21 3BZ
Enjoy a trip down memory lane on a No. 5905 Midland Red class S22 single-deck bus built by the Midland Red company in Birmingham in 1968. Hop on and reminisce and enjoy a nostalgic trip and fun in Rugby taking in the old BTH site, Lawrence Sheriff’s birthplace and Guy Fawkes’ House in Dunchurch where the plotters stayed. The bus will be parked outside Rugby Visitor Centre where you can enjoy an informative chat about the town of Rugby with one of our Town Guides or learn more about the History of the bus and the Midland Red Company from a member of the Local History Group.
Monday 16th September 10:00 - 16:00 (trips at 11:00 and 14:00). Booking required for the trips with Rugby Visitor Centre. Tel: (01788) 533217 or email: visitor.centre@rugby.gov.uk.

Rugby Theatre Backstage Tour
Henry Street, Rugby, CV21 2QA
A behind the scenes look at what goes on at Rugby Theatre which celebrates its 70th Anniversary this year. Enjoy a unique look at this successful theatre and learn more about its history and its work. Enjoy a tour around the different departments. Refreshments available.
Opening Sunday 22nd September 11:00 - 12:00. Booking required via Rugby Visitor Centre. Tel: (01788) 533217 or email: visitor.centre@rugby.gov.uk.

Clifton upon Dunmore
Open Tower Bellringing Experience
St Mary’s Church, Church Street, Clifton upon Dunmore, Rugby, CV23 0BP
For hundreds of years, the bells of St Mary’s have rung out across the parish. They have called worshippers to church, warned of disaster and raised the alarm during wartime.
This event is your chance to climb the tower and see these historic bells and even have a go. There will be entertainment for the whole family at St Mary’s. Skilled flower-arrangers will be demonstrating their art at 2.30 pm and 4.30 pm. In a session at 3.30 pm, children can make their own fairy pots, and there will be a quiz for children to tackle. If these activities leave you feeling peckish, you can indulge in a delicious cream tea.
Sunday 15th September 12:00 - 17:00. No booking is required.
Leicester Museum Collections. There will be refreshments available, sales of local products and gifts, a live blacksmith's demonstration in the Stable Yard.

Friday 13th, Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th September: Site open 11:00 - 16:00. Tours 11:15 and 14:15. Booking preferred due to limited spaces on tours. Contact Louise Brightton on (01455) 558373 or email: hello@ cotesbacherschoolhouse.org.uk. Tour takes approximately 1 hour. Tour is not wheelchair/pushchair accessible but Cotesbach Educational Trust and The Stable Yard are.

Marton Museum of Country Bygones
Louisa Ward Close, Marton, Rugby, CV23 9SA
An eclectic mix of artefacts showing how people lived and worked in the country. All of the exhibits were acquired locally and cover a wide variety of aspects of country life. This year there will be a spinning demonstration and by popular request the Pole Lath woodturner will be on site on both days. Visitors will be able to try out museum exhibits. It is the intention to have one or two vintage vehicles on display. There will be corn dolly demonstrations and straw available for visitors to try their hand at corn dolly making. There will be a rag rug making demonstration.

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th September 10:30 - 17:00. No booking required. Wheelchair access is available but restricted.

Orthodox Church of The Ascension
The Chapel, The Cemetery, Clifton Rd, Rugby CV21 3QW
Visit the Orthodox Church of The Ascension for an informative and interesting tour and description of holy icons and an introduction to Orthodox Christianity.

Friday 13th & 20th September: Tour at 10:00 and 14:00. Saturday 14th & 21st September: Tour at 10:00 and 14:00. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Tours take approximately 1 hour and because space is limited visitors need to be booked at Rugby Visitor Centre. Tel: (01788) 533217 or email: visitor.centre@rugby.gov.uk. Please park on Clifton Road.

Cemex
Lawford Road, Rugby, CV21 2RY
Enjoy a tour, presentation and film of the UK's largest cement plant. Tour includes a trip up the pre-heater tower which has spectacular views over Rugby and Warwickshire. Please wear sensible footwear, no open toes. Children permitted with an adult, but minimum age is 8.

Wednesday 18th September: 16:30 - 18:30. Thursday 19th September: 10:30 - 12:30 and 13:30 - 15:30. Friday 20th September: 10:30 - 12:30 and 13:30 - 15:30. There are limited spaces and tours must be booked in advance with name and address. Book via Rugby Visitor Centre. Tel: (01788) 533217 or email: visitor.centre@rugby.gov.uk. All visitors to meet 15 minutes before the start of the tour at St Matthews & St Oswald's Church Centre. Tel: (01788) 533217 or email: visitor.centre@rugby.gov.uk.

Coombe Abbey Country Park
Linksway, Binton CV3 2AB
Coombe Abbey Country Park offers 500 acres of beautiful gardens, woodland, lakeside walks and bird watching all set against the stunning Coombe Abbey Hotel. The site is steeped in history dating back to 1150 when the Abbey was founded by Cistercian monks. Enjoy an accompanied tour around the Capability Brown trail incorporating the Abbey, park and lake.

There will be a Festival of Crafts event running on both days promoting traditional crafts which all ages of family and friends can enjoy!
Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th September 10:00 – 16:00. Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd September 10:00 – 16:00. No booking required. For further information see www.coventry.gov.uk/coombe for details.

Cotesbach Hall
Educational Trust, Church and Gardens
Cotesbach Hall, Main Street, Cotesbach, Lutterworth, Leicestershire LE17 4HX
Visit the Stable Yard and enjoy free access to the garden and walled garden, and a tour of Cotesbach Hall, which has been home to eight generations of one family over 250 years. Local artists Rugby Art Group are holding their annual exhibition in the Schoolhouse and Church. Volunteers at Cotesbach Educational Trust will be showing documents from the archive and recent archaeological finds from a Community Archaeology Project at Cotesbach Manor, with a local historian and related craft activities. There will be a display about this year’s ‘Time Flies’ project exploring transport and communications heritage, including loans from

Princethorpe College
Leamington Road, Princethorpe, Rugby CV23 9PX
Built in 1832, St Mary’s Priory was one of the first Catholic buildings in England after the reformation. From 1833 to 1966, the priory was home to a congregation of Benedictine nuns who ran a boarding school for girls. This community sold the priory in 1966 and a new school was established by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. Princethorpe College is now a fully co-educational Catholic independent day school.

As you tour, learn all about the building’s history, including the amazing women that made it the place it is today. Visit Pugin’s magnificent chapel, the cloisters, nuns’ cells, library (former church) and roundhouse.

Free tours of the college on Sunday 22nd September from 14:00 - 16:00. No booking required. Complimentary tea and coffee available. Parts of the building, such as the old church, are only accessible by stairs. Each tour takes approximately 45 minutes.

Meet Rugby Family History Group
Rugby Central Shopping Centre, CV21 2JR
Meet Rugby Family History Group and learn how to find your ancestors. There will be books and CDs for sale and examples of our own research as well as booklets available to help children discover their ancestors. Members will be on hand to offer advice. Whether you are an experienced family historian or just starting your research, we can help.

Saturday 14 September, 10:00 – 16:00. No booking required.

Rugby in Bloom
Walk and Talk
Visitor Centre, Little Elbrow Street, Rugby, CV21 3BZ
Meet at the Visitor Centre for a brief talk and light refreshments followed by an informative walk around the town centre looking at ‘Rugby In Bloom’ and ending at Caldecott Park.

Saturday 14 September: 11:00 - 12:30. Booking required at Rugby Visitor Centre. Tel: (01788) 533217 or email: visitor.centre@rugby.gov.uk.

St Andrew’s Church
Church Street, Rugby, CV21 3PT
St Andrew’s Church is an iconic town centre church in Rugby built in the 14th and 19th century and extended by Butterfly. It is unique as it is the only church in the world with two sets of bells for change ringing. The stained glass is by Clayton & Bell & brass work by Hardman Birmingham. Come along on Sept 14th and view the 5 bells in the West Tower and have a go at bell ringing.

Saturday 14th September: 10:00 – 12:00. Tours every half hour. Tours need to be pre-booked through Rugby Visitor Centre. Tel: (01788) 533217 or email: visitor.centre@rugby.gov.uk

St Edith’s Church
1 Main Street, Monks Kirby, Rugby, CV23 0QX
St Edith’s Church is a grade 1 listed building, located in Monks Kirby near Rugby. It dates from 1077 and is the largest parish church in Warwickshire. The first church on the site of St Edith’s is said to have been founded in 917 by Ethelfleda, daughter of Alfred the Great. However, the current Priory Church of St Edith’s dates from 1077 when Geoffrey de la Gherche, a Breton knight rebuilt the church and gave it as a priory to the Benedictine Abbey of St Nicolas in Anjou in France, naming it in honour of the Virgin Mary and St Denis.

Open daily with bell ringing sessions on Sunday 22nd September 11:00 - 15:00. No booking required.