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## Warwickshire officers back in town as part of community policing team



# Warwickshire POLICE

At Stratforward we're delighted to welcome two Warwickshire Police officers back to the community team in the town.

Inspector Dafydd Goddard and Sergeant Simon Ryan will be back in Stratford working with local businesses and the wider community. Their work will include business crime initiatives like the recently relaunched Warwickshire Retail Crime Initiative (WRCI).

Inspector Goddard started his service with Warwickshire Police as a Response Officer in Stratford District in 2002, later taking up various posts including the Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant for West Rugby.

He went on to become an Inspector on a Response team in Nuneaton before moving back to South Warwickshire in 2014

**He said: "I enjoy the longer term problem-solving aspect of community policing and forging positive relations with partner agencies that form an integral part of our work.**

**"The community is at the heart of our approach to policing and I'm looking forward to working with businesses and the wider community back in Stratford where I first started."**

Sergeant Simon Ryan also started his police service in Stratford, beginning in 2006 before being deployed as part of various teams across the county until his promotion in 2014 when he went on to work as sergeant at Leamington Spa Custody Department.

**He said he is "thrilled" to be returning to Stratford. "I have a passion for policing in Warwickshire, respecting the old and new within our towns and villages and promise to deliver the best service to communities possible from my safer neighbourhood teams."**



Inspector Dafydd Goddard



Sergeant Simon Ryan

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## Veeno Brings a touch of Italy to Bell Court



The latest name to come to Bell Court will bring a touch of Italy to the town.

Italian wine cafe Veeno is opening its 12th store across the UK in Bell Court later this year.

The Stratford site, which is being handed over to Veeno for fit out this week, will be the first in the West Midlands and is hoped to open in the summer.

**Veeno embraces Italy's after-work culture** and specialises in family-produced Sicilian wine alongside authentic Spuntini including platters of meats, cheese and other appetisers imported from selected Italian producers.

Andrea Zecchino, co-founder of Veeno, said: "We're looking forward to expanding Veeno into the West Midlands and bringing a taste of Italian culture to Stratford-upon-Avon."

**"Bell Court is the perfect market for us and represents a great opportunity to build our brand alongside national bar and restaurant operators."**

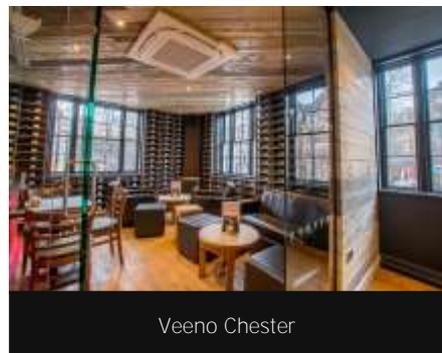
Veeno will be on the ground floor of the new Everyman cinema next to Miller and Carter and Byron.

John Stacey, Asset Management Director at UK & European Investments, said: "The Veeno brand is a perfect complimentary addition to Bell Court as we strive to create an exciting retail and leisure mix and a balance of national and independent brands."

**"The relaxed offering will add to the line-up that we have secured and ensure the scheme is an appealing leisure destination throughout the day and into the night. Stratford-upon-Avon's wine connoisseurs are certainly in for a treat!"**



Veeno Leeds



Veeno Chester

The four-screen Everyman Cinema is set to open to the public this Friday (June 9th), bringing a mixture of new releases with a curated film schedule, as well as live events.

### Road Closure Reminder

**Don't forget, road closures will be in place overnight on Bridgefoot and Tiddington Road later this month.**

A Temporary Traffic Order is in place closing Tiddington Road from June 12th to 15th and Bridgefoot on June 16th. The closures, expected to take place **overnight between 7pm and 6am, are needed for 'environmental works'.**

For more information, visit [www.stratford-tc.gov.uk/news/town-council-news/road-closure-notice---%20bridgefoot----/town-council-news/road-closure-commencing-12-june-2017---bridgefoot---tiddington-road](http://www.stratford-tc.gov.uk/news/town-council-news/road-closure-notice---%20bridgefoot----/town-council-news/road-closure-commencing-12-june-2017---bridgefoot---tiddington-road)

## Shakespeare show to spill over into streets

A Shakespeare show will spill into Stratford's streets as hundreds of students from the town's schools and college take part in promenade performances later this month.

Around 400 students from most of Stratford's schools and Stratford College will take part in the performances of Julius Caesar through the town and its venues on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

The performances will start on the Bancroft with a procession through the gardens towards the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, travelling up Chapel Lane to Shakespeare's Schoolroom & Guildhall, then on to Shakespeare's New Place, to the Town Hall Ballroom, down Sheep Street to Weston Square, and finally to The Other Place, where the second half of the performances will remain in the Studio Theatre.



The performances will make use of both indoor and outdoor spaces and music students from the local secondary schools and Stratford College will help move the audience between venues.

Performances will take place at 10am, 1pm and 4pm on each of the three days, with technical and dress rehearsals taking place on the Monday and Tuesday.

Measures have been put in place to ensure noise and disruption are kept to a minimum, but some music may be heard at short intervals throughout the week as the performances move between venues. The RSC has apologised in advance for any inconvenience it may cause.

If any businesses have any questions or concerns, please contact Georgia Munnion in the RSC Education Department on [Georgia.Munnion@rsc.org.uk](mailto:Georgia.Munnion@rsc.org.uk) or on 01789 403432.

If you would like to watch one of the performances, tickets can be booked through the RSC's Education Box Office on 01789 403434. Please quote "Stratford Schools' Festival" and ask for the date and time you would like.

## Swan Theatre

A new, contemporary take on Oscar Wilde's *Salome* has opened at the Swan Theatre.

The one-act drama - originally banned in Britain - is directed by Owen Horsley, Associate Director on the King & Country season and marks 50 years since the decriminalisation of homosexuality in England and Wales. It will run until September.



## Henley Street Update

Following the tragic events of Saturday evening at Borough Market, we have been informed that the Bollards in Henley Street will remain up for the immediate foreseeable future. Warwickshire Police are keen to stress that there remains no intelligence of any specific threat in Warwickshire, but there remains a real need to ensure that all reasonable measures are undertaken to keep our community safe. Warwickshire Police with partner agencies are keeping the situation under constant review.

In order to feed into discussions with partner agencies, Stratforward will need to collate information on issues that businesses (and your customers) are experiencing as a result of the current situation. Please can you feedback information to the office (via [info@stratforward.co.uk](mailto:info@stratforward.co.uk)) or to the Town Hosts – we will need specific information on the issues rather than a general “can’t get deliveries”. If particular companies are causing issues, we (with the support of our partners) will raise issues direct with their company hierarchies to resolve the situation (Stratforward has already been informed by one business that DPD have refused to deliver, but if this is a pattern we need to know). We expect that a full stakeholder meeting with businesses will take place over the next week or so.

As soon as we have further information, we will let you know.



## Birthplace Trust on hunt for new CEO

The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust is on the lookout for a new CEO, after announcing that Dr Diana Owen is stepping down from the post.

Dr Owen, who has been CEO of the Trust for the last decade, has announced that she will be stepping down in early 2018, saying the time is right to “hand on the baton”.

Peter Kyle, Chairman of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, said: **“Diana has transformed the Trust into an inclusive, participative charity that puts Shakespeare and his home town of Stratford-upon-Avon on the world stage.**



Dr Diana Owen

**“She has achieved strong visitor and revenue growth, forged successful partnerships and created new opportunities for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to enjoy Shakespeare.”**

**He highlighted several of Dr Owen’s successes, including the launch of digital campaigns and platforms, Shakespeare Week, and the development of New Place.**

Diana Owen said: “It has been a real privilege, and a fantastic pleasure, to be at the helm of the UK’s first and oldest conservation charity, promoting the world’s foremost playwright, to world-wide audiences today.

**“After 10 years and the success of the 400th anniversary, I feel that the time is right, to hand on the baton and I look forward to seeing the inspiring plans for the future development of our charity come to fruition.”**

The Trustees are now seeking a leader to follow in Dr Owen's footsteps. Candidates should send expressions of interest to [ceorecruit@shakespeare.org.uk](mailto:ceorecruit@shakespeare.org.uk)

## Dates for your diary!

If you have an event you would like us to list here please email Sandi - [sandi@stratforward.co.uk](mailto:sandi@stratforward.co.uk)

### June

8th	General Election
9th, 10th & 20th	Stratford Races
12th - 16th	Tiddington Road & Bridgefoot Road closures
17th	Stratford Boat Club Regatta
18th	<b>Father's Day</b>
18th to 25th	Poetry Festival
23rd - 2nd Sept	Titus Andronicus opens @ The RSC Theatre
24th	Midsummers Day
24th	Armed Forces Day
28th - 30th	Stratford Schools perform Julius Caesar

### July

1st & 2nd	River Festival
3rd to 16th	Wimbledon
4th, 16th & 23rd	Stratford Races
7th to 9th	British Grand Prix @ Silverstone
9th	Stratford Boat Club Fun Regatta
20th	Showcase Stratford @ The Artshouse
21st to 4th Sept	<a href="#">Warwickshire schools summer holidays</a>
23rd	Stratford Lions Club Raft Race
26th to 4th Sept	Birmingham schools summer holidays

### August

3rd & 24th	Stratford Races
10th to 13th	Bulldog Bash (TBC)
28th	Bank Holiday



1st & 2nd July 2017

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



23rd to 24th September 2017

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



6th & 7th May 2018

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