

Artist Leigh Lambert signing prints

ARTIST Leigh Lambert will be at Warwick Studios Art Lounge in Leamington's Royal Priors shopping centre on Saturday (November 23).

Leigh, who moved to the Warwickshire area more than 15 years ago, has taken much inspiration from his local surroundings and will be attending a print signing session between noon and 3pm, as well as show-

casing a small collection of original prints and hosting a live painting session at 2pm.

After originally training at an arts and technology college in the North East of England, Leigh later studied at Mid Warwickshire College in Leamington.

David Sands, manager of Warwick Studios Art Lounge, said, "It is always very exciting

when we get an artist appearance, especially when the artist is local and we can really show our support for such a brilliant talent.

"We are hoping for a very successful event and are encouraging art-lovers to make the most of this unique opportunity by bringing their prints along to be signed and enjoying the live painting session."

Think electric, rural firms are urged

BUSINESSES in rural Warwickshire are being urged to think electric.

Warwickshire County Council is running a pilot project encouraging businesses in rural areas to consider the possibility of adopting electric vehicles in an effort to counter increasing fossil fuel costs, to improve their carbon footprint, and to stimulate business development.

Warwickshire Rural Electric Vehicles - supported by the Defra-funded Rural Growth Network which Warwickshire County Council

leads on for the Local Enterprise Partnership - will provide up to ten rural businesses with a free feasibility study providing a financial, technical and infrastructure cost analysis of electric vehicles; grant support towards lease costs of an electric car or van; installation of a free charge point on business premises, plus support and monitoring for 12 months.

For further information on the project contact Greenwatt Technology, which is leading the project, by emailing transport@greenwatt.co.uk or by calling 01789 761367.





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Printing press spurs on growth

A FAMILY-run printing company is bucking the trend by expanding to include technology never before seen in the UK.

The print industry has seen a major decline in the past decade but Warwick Printing Company is still going strong thanks to a new state-of-the-art printing press.

The Heidelberg Speedmaster SX 102 litho printing machine - the first of its kind to arrive in the UK - began producing magazines recently.

Reducing the company's energy bills and set up time for printing a magazine from 45 minutes to 15 minutes as well as increasing productivity by 50 per cent, the machine is helping boost the Leamington-based company's growth plans.

While profits have been down for other companies in the area with some being forced to close,



Warwick Printing has seen an increased turnover of 125 per cent in the last four years and staff numbers have doubled.

But with production reaching capacity with current machinery, a decision was taken to purchase the new equipment for the company, which specialises in magazine and commercial print.

Paul Baxter, managing director designate, said: "These are great times as we have an opportunity to build on our reputation and take on the challenge of growing our business at a time when other local printers are closing down.

"In recent years, our business has grown through word of mouth and reputation because we spend the time and energy understanding our customer's needs and delivering the solution that is right for them."

John Young, managing director, with a selection of magazines and books produced by Warwick Printing. (s)



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Age UK Warwickshire Care and Repair – Identifies property related problems that affect independence in your home

Age UK Warwickshire, South Warwickshire 'Care and Repair Service' has been established for 16 years and we are about to launch this service across additional areas of Warwickshire.

Statistics show that over 30% of all homes are occupied by older people and in Warwickshire home ownership of all ages exceeds 70%. With the rising cost of maintaining properties generally and possible health and mobility problems faced as people age, the need for the service has never been greater.

Age UK Warks are committed to provide a comprehensive 'Care & Repair Service' (which other organisations call Home Improvement Agencies) for the older people of Warwickshire and those with disabilities of any age which can include specialist home extensions and facilities for profoundly disabled children.

The main priority of the service is to maintain independent living for property owners and those in private rented accommodation, and are able to do this by:

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- Advising of eligibility to local statutory disabilities grants and other financial benefits

As we are a charity, the 'Care and Repair Service' is non-profit, and any surplus that is made is returned to the Charity to fund other crucial services such as befriending.

For further information on the 'Care and Repair Service', please contact Lynn Smith, Care and Repair Team leader on 01926 458 128 or email housing@ageukwarks.org.uk. Alternatively, call our head office on 01926 458 100 to speak to a member of the team.