ROYAL PUMP ROOMS

LEAMINGTON SPA
Art Gallery & Museum

Exhibitions & Events

February - April 2012

Stringed Figure, Henry Moore, 1938, Bronze and string. © The Henry Moore Foundation. Courtesy Arts Council Collection, Southbank Centre, London

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Culture in Warwick District

ART GALLERY & MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS

HENRY MOORE IN THE ARTS COUNCIL COLLECTION

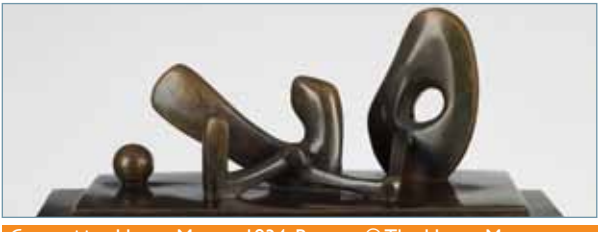
23 February – 15 April

HAYWARD TOURING
SOUTHBANK CENTRE

This exhibition examines all the works of Henry Moore (1898-1986) that are in the Arts Council Collection. Seen together the works on display present the development of his practice between 1927 and 1962. Many of the works show Moore's investigation of human and organic forms towards a point of abstraction. His contribution to public sculpture can also be seen in various models for larger outdoor commissions. Each of these pieces can, in their own right, be appreciated for their expressiveness, craftsmanship and unique formal qualities. As Moore himself once noted, 'the sensitive observer of sculpture must learn to feel shape simply as shape'.

Henry Moore was a key figure in the formation of the Arts Council Collection. He was an important advisor to the acquisitions committee during the early 1950s, shaping the sculpture collection by advocating the acquisition of a significant group of post-war British sculpture by artists including Kenneth Armitage, Lynn Chadwick and Barbara Hepworth.

A Hayward Touring exhibition from the Arts Council Collection, on behalf of Southbank Centre, London.



Composition, Henry Moore, 1934, Bronze. © The Henry Moore Foundation. Courtesy Arts Council Collection, Southbank Centre, London

ART GALLERY & MUSEUM EVENTS

FRIDAY FOCUS
Fridays at 1pm

Learn something new in your lunch break! Come and discover fascinating facts and stories about art and local history. *The Friday Focus* talks usually last about 15 minutes. The programme also includes more in-depth talks, titled *Friday Focus Extra*. These events last up to one hour.

CRAFT STUDIO

Life Drawing Classes For Adults
Thursdays, 23 February – 29 March, 5.30 – 7.30pm

This six week *CRAFT STUDIO* series offers you the opportunity to enjoy untutored drawing sessions with a life model. Bring your own drawing equipment.

£30 for 6 sessions.
Places are limited, please call 01926 742700.
Payment required to confirm booking.
Non-refundable.

ART GALLERY & MUSEUM EVENTS

HAYWARD TOURING
SOUTHBANK CENTRE

HENRY MOORE
Friday Focus Extra
Friday 24 February, 1 – 2pm

Join Sculpture Co-ordinator Laura Robinson from the Arts Council Collection for an introduction to the Henry Moore exhibition. This event is part of our *Friday Focus* programme.

Free, no need to book.

Sculpture Workshop for Adults
Saturday 10 March, 11am – 4pm

Join artist Dave Dewis to create sculptures in response to the Henry Moore exhibition.

£15 per person.
Places are limited, please call 01926 742700.
Payment required to confirm booking.
Non-refundable.

Sunday Sketching Session
Sunday 25 March,
1 - 3pm

A unique opportunity to practice your still life drawing skills, inspired by the work of Henry Moore. All materials will be provided.

Free, places are limited, please call 01926 742700.

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Landscape Painting Workshop for Adults
Saturday 31 March, 11am – 4pm

Learn how to capture the landscape using acrylic paints. All materials will be provided.

£15 per person. Places are limited, please call 01926 742700. Payment required to confirm booking. Non-refundable.

Textile Workshop for Adults
Saturday 21 April, 11am – 4pm

Join artist Frieda Van De Poll to create spectacular mini birds using a variety of techniques and materials. Experiment with crochet, patchwork and recycled materials.

£10 per person. Places are limited, please call 01926 742700. Payment required to confirm booking. Non-refundable.

FILM SCREENINGS

A permanent screen is situated on the Mezzanine level in the Local History galleries. *Art is the expression of imagination and not the imitation of life* will be screened during the Henry Moore exhibition. This documentary about Moore was produced by John Read and first broadcast on television in 1951. It introduces Moore's approach to modern abstract sculpture.
Courtesy of The Henry Moore Foundation and BBC Archive.

ART GALLERY & MUSEUM
Family Events

Events

Most family events are free and are delivered on a drop in basis. There is no need to book but at busy times you may be asked to wait. **Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.**

Half Term Art Club

Thursday 16 February, 2 – 4pm

Take inspiration from the tiles in the Hammam to create repeat patterns. *Art Club* sessions last 30 minutes, starting at 2, 2.45 and 3.30pm.

Free, drop in and join in.
Recommended for ages 6 – 12 years.

ART GALLERY & MUSEUM
Family Events

Easter Art Club
Thursday 12 April, 2 – 4pm

Have a look at the Henry Moore exhibition and make sculptures using recycled materials. *Art Club* sessions last 30 minutes, starting at 2, 2.45 and 3.30pm.

Free, drop in and join in.
Recommended for ages 6 – 12 years.

London 2012 Storytelling Event
Saturday 28 April, 2 - 4pm

Listen to Warwick Poet Laureate 2011 – 2012 Dinah Smith tell stories about memories inspired by family life. This event celebrates culture in the run up to the London Olympics 2012.

Warwick District
Our journey to 2012

Free, drop in and join in.
Suitable for the whole family.

ART GALLERY & MUSEUM
Family Events

Arty Tots
First Wednesday of each month, 11am – 12noon

Arty Tots sessions run at the Art Gallery & Museum on every first Wednesday of each month. They include free play and simple art activities for under 5s and their carers.
Free, drop in and join in.

Art Cart Family Fun
Last Saturday of each month, 1 - 3pm

Join us for family art and craft sessions in the galleries using our mobile *Art Cart*. Create your very own artwork to take home.
Final entry at 2.45pm.
Free, drop in and join in.

The *Art Cart* is also available during normal opening hours. Explore its drawers and pockets to discover lots of activities inspired by the displays.

Haddie's Gallery
Join Haddie the circus elephant and explore our family gallery to discover what life was like for a child in Victorian Leamington Spa. Enjoy fun interactive exhibits, dressing up and activity sheets.

Haddie's Trails For Under 5s

Haddie's Trails are designed to help families with young children to explore the displays. The trails can be collected from the art gallery desk. There are four different themes to try.

SCHOOLS RESOURCES

Our schools resource *Barnaby Bear Goes Travelling* is a Geography Project linked to Art & Design. It is ideally suited to Years 1 and 2

We offer resources for teachers to lead school visits on a number of curriculum topics for key stages 1 and 2. Follow a trail around the gallery, or use our free activity boxes which cover Ancient Egypt, the Victorians, World War II and Geography.

We also have two online schools resources, *A Walk Around Victorian Leamington Spa* and *Toys* and *Games*. These are available within the spotlights section of the Windows on Warwickshire website, **www.windowsonwarwickshire.org.uk**

All schools resources are free. For more information or to book a visit please telephone Roz Crampton on 01926 742700.

This educational toy *The Picture Alphabet – For A Good Child* dates from around 1830. It is featured on the **www.windowsonwarwickshire.org.uk** website

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

GALLERY SHOP

The Art Gallery & Museum stocks a selection of greetings cards, postcards and publications on the visual arts and local history. Browse our contemporary craft showcase to discover beautiful handmade items that make perfect gifts!

CRAFT STUDIO FOR HIRE

Our *Craft Studio* is available to hire for educational visits and workshops, or for one-off meetings. Please call 01926 742700.

FRIENDS OF LEAMINGTON SPA ART GALLERY & MUSEUM (FLAG)

FLAG support the Art Gallery & Museum, particularly by helping to fund the purchase and conservation of works of art. FLAG also organise a programme of events and visits. They always welcome new members. To find out more, please contact Maureen Chapman on 01789 840703 or visit **www.friendsofleamingtonartgallery.co.uk**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

JOIN OUR MAILING LIST

If you would like to join our free mailing list and receive regular updates about our events and exhibitions, please call 01926 742700 or email **prooms@warwickdc.gov.uk**

Become a fan of Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum on Facebook. Read regular posts about all the latest news and events.

Find us on Facebook

ONLINE COLLECTIONS

You can explore Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum's collections online. All 12,000 items in our wide ranging collections have been added to an electronic archive including over 5,000 images.

Anne St John Partridge (fl. 1888-1935), *Burning Weeds*, watercolour on paper

To access the online collections visit **www.lsagmcollections.org.uk.** You can also access the website from the computers in the galleries.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ARTS DEVELOPMENT SERVICE

The Arts Development Service provides advice, advocacy and support for artists and arts organisations who work and/or live within Warwick District. Please email mair.evans@warwickdc.gov.uk for more information.

What do you get when you mix a girl, a rabbit, street dance, rapping and all sort of wonderful events? Curiouser! Coming this Easter to the Royal Spa Centre. For further details please visit www.teatrotheatreschool.com

CONCERTS AT THE ROYAL PUMP ROOMS

INTERNATIONAL STRING QUARTET SEASON

MARTINU STRING QUARTET (Czech Republic)

Thursday 23 February, 7.30pm

Martinu Quartet No 7
Mendelssohn Quartet Op 44 No 2
Beethoven Quartet Op 131

Martinu String Quartet

BARBIROLLI STRING QUARTET

Friday 16 March, 7.30pm

Haydn Quartet Op 64 No 6
Bartok Quartet No 2
Verdi Quartet

LEAMINGTON MUSIC FESTIVAL WEEKEND

Friday 4 to Tuesday 8 May lunchtime and evening concerts. Programmes by Russian and French late Romantic composers.

Friday 4 May:	Fitzwilliam String Quartet
Saturday 5 May:	Jean-Michel Dayaz piano Badke String Quartet & Simon Crawford-Phillips
Sunday 6 May:	Erato Piano Trio Family Concert with Hannah Medlam & Jean-Michel Dayaz Elias String Quartet & Malin Broman & Simon Crawford-Phillips
Monday 7 May:	Jonathan Lemalu & Joseph Middleton Erringden String Sextet
Tuesday 8 May:	Ensemble 360 Piano Trio Ensemble 360 Wind Quintet & Piano

Tickets on sale at the Visitor Information Centre in the Royal Pump Rooms and the Bridge House Theatre Box Office. Call **01926 776438** or see **www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk**

Full details from **www.leamingtonmusic.org**

OTHER SERVICES AT THE ROYAL PUMP ROOMS

This colour tinted postcard by Valentines features the lodges at the entrance to the Jephson Gardens, Leamington Spa, around 1900.

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Leamington Visitor Information Centre's helpful staff have a wealth of local knowledge and can provide information and advice for visitors and residents alike, including guided walks and tours, things to see and do, and where to eat and shop.

LIBRARY & INFORMATION SERVICE

The library is located in the beautifully converted public swimming pool. The historic surroundings house the very latest in computer and research technology.

THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS

The Assembly Rooms are available for hire for concerts, weddings, parties and conferences. Please visit **www.warwickdc.gov.uk/wdc/royalpumprooms for more information.**

CAFÉ

The Café offers a menu including lunches, cakes, pastries, tea and coffee.

DIRECTIONS

HOW TO FIND US

Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum is in the Royal Pump Rooms, on The Parade, opposite Jephson Gardens.

If travelling by car, leave the M40 at Junction 13 and follow directions into Leamington Spa on the A452. Follow signs for the town centre. The Royal Pump Rooms is a 10 minute walk from Leamington Spa Railway Station. There are direct rail services from London Marylebone, Birmingham, Oxford and Coventry.

PARKING

There is limited parking directly outside the Royal Pump Rooms. Parking reserved for disabled visitors is approximately 10 metres from the entrance. Coach parking is available on Newbold Terrace approximately 50 metres from the building.

ACCESS

The art gallery is on one level and the museum is on two levels accessible by stairs and chairlift. There is wheelchair access throughout the building, including toilets. For more information please telephone 01926 742700 or ask at the Art Gallery reception desk.

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Facilities & Services

Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum	01926 742700
Visitor Information Centre	01926 742762
Leamington Library	01926 742721/742722
Café & Assembly Rooms	01926 313774

Art Gallery & Museum Opening Hours

Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat	10.30am – 5pm
Thurs	1.30pm – 8pm
Sun & Bank Hols	11am – 4pm
Mon	Closed

ADMISSION FREE

Open Bank Holiday Mondays
(except Christmas and New Year)

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