



LEAMINGTON SPA
Art Gallery & Museum

EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS

JULY - OCT 2015

Terry Frost, *Orange Umber*, 1960, oil on canvas.

WELCOME

We are delighted to be able to offer you a wealth of opportunities to explore the arts and history through our extensive range of changing exhibitions, activities and workshops happening this summer.



Jeff Watkin, Heritage & Arts Manager



Many events are free and there is plenty for children and families to enjoy. While you are in the Royal Pump Rooms, there is also the chance to enjoy one of its other attractions; perhaps have a drink or something to eat in the café, attend one of the events in the Regency Assembly Rooms, or visit the library or Visitor Information Centre. Please come in, look around and enjoy your visit!

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

The Visitor Information Centre 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 AND 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.



CAFÉ

The café offers a menu that includes lunches, cakes, pastries, tea and coffee.

GALLERY SHOP

Drop into our shop and view a selection of greetings cards, postcards, books, and other gift items. The shop also offers a changing selection of contemporary jewellery and craft items by professional designer-makers that are affordable, beautiful and made to be treasured! Come and look at our craft showcase to find out whose work is currently available.

THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS

The Assembly Rooms are available to hire for concerts, weddings, parties and conferences.

For more information please visit:
www.rls-dining-events.co.uk



EXHIBITIONS

SIR TERRY FROST

R.A. (1915-2003):

A LEAMINGTON LAD

24 July – 11 October



Terry Frost, *Sun and Boat*,
c.1992-6, screenprint with
hand colouring on paper

In 1915 Terry Frost was born in Leamington Spa. He grew up in a house on Rugby Road, attended the Central School on Leicester Street and did a number of jobs in the town before war broke out in 1939 and he was called up. In 1941 he was imprisoned in the Prisoner of War camp in Bavaria called Stalag 383. There he met the artist Adrian Heath and was inspired to paint. In 1944 the Art Gallery & Museum staged a small exhibition of paintings Frost had sent back from the camp and when he returned to Leamington in 1945 he

was determined to pursue a career in art. Later that year he married Kathleen Clarke and together they made the brave decision to move to St Ives, Cornwall, to become part of the artistic community which had developed there. Frost became one of the most famous abstract artists of the 20th century. He was elected a Royal Academician in 1992 and received a knighthood in 1998. Although he remained based in Cornwall for much of the rest of his life he maintained links with Leamington. A second exhibition at the Art Gallery & Museum took place

in 1964 and a third in 1996. In 1998 he donated a collection of works to the gallery which will be displayed for the first time in this exhibition. Two years later he received an honorary degree at Warwick University. This exhibition, in the year which marks the centenary of his birth, will be accompanied by a publication which focuses on Frost's early life and ongoing connection with his home town.

PRIVATE VIEW

Thursday 23 July, 6pm – 7.30pm
(speeches at 6.30pm)

Join us for a preview of the exhibition
Sir Terry Frost, R.A. (1915-2003):
A Leamington Lad.

FREE no need to book.



Terry Frost, *Trewellard Suns*, 1989,
handpainted linocut on paper

FRIDAY FOCUS EXTRA

Friday 2 October, 1 – 2pm

Artist Anthony Frost and poet Bob Devereux will give a talk about the Terry Frost exhibition with poems and anecdotes about the artist's life and work.

FREE no need to book.



Stalag Happy

STALAG HAPPY

Wednesday 7 &

Thursday 8 October, 7pm

Third Man Productions presents *Stalag Happy*, the award-winning play based on the true and moving story of the artists Sir Terry Frost and Adrian Heath whilst interned at WWII POW Camp Stalag 383. The show is set to a soundtrack of much loved 1940s songs and devised by Edward Elks and Dan Frost, grandson of the late Sir Terry Frost. **Tickets cost £10 per person.** Please call 01926 742700 to book.

EVENTS

SCREEN PRINTING ADULT WORKSHOP

**Saturday 5 September,
11am – 4pm**

Hybrid Arts are a non-profit arts enterprise based in Royal Leamington Spa. They use arts practice to challenge, provoke and inspire. This workshop will provide an introduction to screenprinting on paper using stencils. Screenprinting with stencils works best for blocks of colour, however experimenting with the size and delicacy of your stencils can create a variety of different effects. Please bring an A4 image with you to work from.



TEXTILE COLLAGE ADULT WORKSHOP

**Saturday 26 September,
11am – 4pm**

Join Lorraine Henry for a one day course to awaken the artist in you. Create a series of torn and cut collage pieces that can be used as artwork, to inspire ideas or pep up a portfolio. This course is a relaxed step by step course, perfect for beginners or lapsed artists.



All adult workshops are £20 per person. Non-refundable. Places are limited, please call 01926 742700 to book. Payment required to confirm booking.

DRYPOINT PRINT ADULT WORKSHOP

Saturday 3 October, 11am – 4pm

Join Corinna Spencer for a printmaking workshop inspired by Terry Frost. Explore the technique of drypoint printmaking using acrylic plates. Add colour and texture in a variety of ways to create a unique mixed media print.



CRAFT CLUB

**Sunday 12 July, 13 September
& 11 October 2 – 4pm**

We would like to invite you to join our monthly craft group. Come along for an afternoon of craft, tea and chat once a month. If you're working on something special or just starting out, we would love you to drop in!

FREE drop in and join in.



SKETCH CLUB

**Wednesday 15 July,
16 September &
21 October, 2 – 4pm**

If you are looking for somewhere to draw and would like to spend some time enjoying our collections, Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum sketch club could be the perfect place for you. With a different focus each month, join us for an afternoon of sketching and artistic inspiration. All abilities are welcome.

FREE drop in and join in.

ACTIVITIES



PAPER FLOWER FAMILY WORKSHOPS

Sunday 5, 12, 19 & 26 July,
11am – 4pm

In the run up to the Art in the Park festival weekend, we will be hosting paper flower making workshops at the Art Gallery & Museum over four Sundays in July. Learn how to create your own paper flowers and make one to take away and one to leave, which will be displayed in the Royal Pump Rooms café.



FREE drop in and join in.

ART IN THE PARK

Saturday 1 & Sunday 2 August

The 'Art in the Park Festival' takes place in Jephson Gardens on Saturday 1 August (11am-6pm) and Sunday 2 August (10am-6pm). It will be a creative mix of artists, musicians, theatre and hands-on creative experiences of ceramics, T-shirt design and painting, providing a rich mix for all tastes and ages and a memorable art filled weekend. See www.lsa-artists.co.uk for more information or email carole@artinpark.co.uk



WHAT'S IN YOUR GARDEN?



Wednesday 12 August,
11am – 4pm

Using optics and binoculars come and spot birds on the River Leam. There will be fun activities such as making bird feeders to take home to your gardens, seed planting and a bird quiz.

FREE drop in and join in.



FAMILY DAY

Saturday 29 August,
11am – 4pm

Make the most of your bank holiday weekend with a day full of fun for all the family. To celebrate the National Bowls Championships in Royal Leamington Spa, we are having a day of indoor games to bring out your competitive side. Try out toys from the past and see what massive and miniature games you can take part in. Get your face painted or become a painting. We will also have 'Professor' Clive Chandler, one of England's leading performers of Punch & Judy, entertaining visitors throughout the day. With marionettes and a mechanical organ, he celebrates a living tradition that stretches back more than 350 years.

FREE drop in and join in.



YOUNG CURATORS CLUB

Each Tuesday during the school holidays 2 – 3pm

Tuesday 21 & 28 July

Tuesday 4, 11, 18 & 25 August

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes in the museum? Now is your chance to find out! Each Tuesday during the school holidays, explore the collections, learn how to handle objects and find out some fascinating facts.

Book your free place by calling 01926 742700 or email penelope.thomas@warwickdc.gov.uk

Suitable for ages 8 years and above.

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult or given written permission on arrival.

SUMMER ART CLUB

Thursday 23 & 30 July

Thursday 6, 13, 20 & 27 August

2 – 4pm

Get creative in the summer holidays and be inspired by the Terry Frost exhibition at our weekly art club sessions. Our summer art club offers families the chance to try out different activities every week. Art club sessions last 30 minutes, final entry 3.30pm.

FREE drop in and join in.

Recommended for children up to 12 years.

THE BIG DRAW

Can you make a drawing tell a story?

Throughout the month of October there will be an on-going drawing activity in the Art Gallery to celebrate The Big Draw and the 2015 theme, 'every drawing tells a story'. Add your artwork to the display and see it grow!

FREE drop in and join in.

THE BIG DRAW EVENT

Saturday 10 October, 11am – 4pm

To celebrate The Big Draw we will be holding a drop in family art workshop at the Art Gallery and Museum, creating a collaborative, cohesive, colossal painting. The session will be led by local artist Andy Farr and the final artwork will then be on show at the gallery through October.

FREE drop in and join in.





ARTY TOTS

First Wednesday of each month, 11am – 12noon

Arty Tots sessions run in the Art Gallery on the 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. The Art Cart is also available during normal opening hours. Explore its drawers and pockets to discover lots of activities inspired by the displays.

FREE drop in and join in.

Final entry at 2.45pm.

Recommended for children up to 12 years.

Please note there will be no Arty Tots or Art Cart Family Fun during August.



HADDIE'S TRAILS FOR UNDER 5s



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



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.



NEW ACQUISITIONS

Samurai Sword



SAMURAI SWORD

This Samurai sword was surrendered by a Japanese officer at an official ceremony at Jahor Bahru, Malaysia, in 1946. The end of the war with Japan was first announced on 15 August 1945, but it was some time before all of the Japanese troops fighting in the Pacific surrendered.

The sword was given to Albert Edward Johns, who served in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. After the war he settled with his family near Royal Leamington Spa. The sword was donated to Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum by his children in December 2014.

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 and follow us on Twitter [@LeamSpaArtGall](https://twitter.com/LeamSpaArtGall). Read regular posts about all the latest news and events.

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. To access the online collections visit www.search.isagmcollections.org.uk. You can also access the website from the computer in the gallery.

SCHOOLS

SCHOOLS' RESOURCES

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, use our free activity boxes or book a guided visit. 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 school resources are free. For more information, or to book a visit, please telephone Penelope Thomas on 01926 742704.



Dr Jephson and Victorian Leamington is a local history workshop, ideally suited to years 1 & 2.

USEFUL INFO

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** for information.



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

ARTS DEVELOPMENT

The Arts Development Service provides advice and support for artists and arts organisations who work and/or live within Warwick District. To find out more please email mair.evans@warwickdc.gov.uk

Motionhouse

Summer Intensive Dance Classes

10 – 14 August

Join us for high-energy intensive dance classes this summer. Classes cover acrobatic moves and partnering, and encourage participants to develop new skills. For more information visit: www.motionhouse.co.uk

Fusion

Calling all young people in the Warwick area! Work with the world class Motionhouse dancers this summer on an exciting new dance project, FUSION. The project begins with a performance of Captive by award-winning Motionhouse Dance Company on 28 May, Market Square, Warwick, 3pm and 6.30pm. FUSION participants will draw on Captive to create their own piece, to be shown on 7 August, Market Square, Warwick.



Consort in the Countryside Saturday 19 September

Join Armonico for a unique fundraising day with Consort soloists performing a series of short concerts in beautiful churches across Warwickshire. Further details to be announced via www.armonico.org.uk

Bach Motets & Goldberg Variations: The Great British Bach Off

Saturday 26 September,
7.30pm at St Mary's Warwick

A brand new programme of choral masterpieces intertwined with the astonishingly ambitious Goldberg Variations, played on the harp by Catrin Finch, the former harpist to HRH The Prince of Wales. Tickets available from www.armonico.org.uk or by calling 0844 581 0750

CONCERTS

INTERNATIONAL STRING QUARTET SERIES Royal Pump Rooms - Fridays at 7.30pm



9 October Royal Quartet

(Poland)
Bach, Haydn and
Beethoven

6 November Kodaly Quartet

(Hungary)
Haydn, Kodaly,
Webern and Beethoven

27 November Carducci Quartet, Morgan Szymanski

Haydn, Shostakovich,
guitar solos and Boccherini

29 January London Haydn Quartet

Hummel, Beethoven
and Haydn

26 February Signum Quartet

(Germany)
Haydn, Berg and Brahms

18 March Piatti Quartet

Haydn, Bartok and
Beethoven



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Town Hall Box Office
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Telephone 01926 334418
Visit www.leamingtonmusic.org for full details

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 Royal Leamington Spa on the A452.

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.

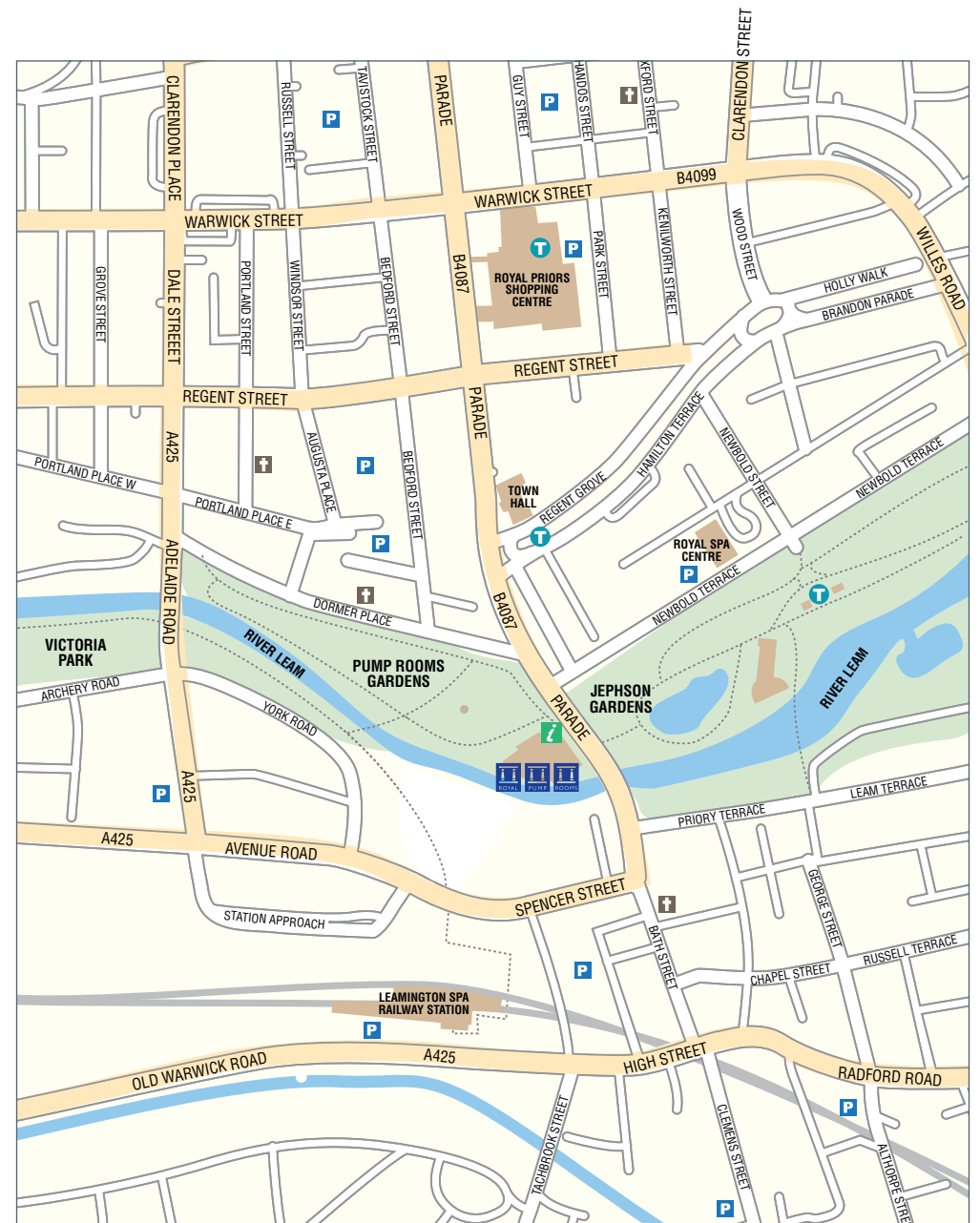
PARKING

There is limited parking directly outside the Royal Pump Rooms. Parking is reserved for disabled visitors approximately 10 metres from the entrance. There is a drop off point for coaches on Newbold Terrace. St. Peter's car park is also walking distance from the Royal Pump Rooms.



ACCESS

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



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Visitor Information Centre	01926 742762
Leamington Library	01926 742721 / 742722
Café & Assembly Rooms	01926 742751

Opening hours

Tues - Sat	10.30am - 5pm
Sun & Bank Hols	11am - 4pm
Mon	Closed

ADMISSION FREE

