



LEAMINGTON SPA
Art Gallery & Museum

EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS

OCT 2015 - JAN 2016

Lyndall Phelps, Blanket detail

WELCOME

We are delighted 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 Autumn/Winter.



Many events are free and there is plenty for children and families to see and do. While you are in the Royal Pump Rooms, there is also the chance to sample 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 staff at Leamington Visitor Information Centre 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.

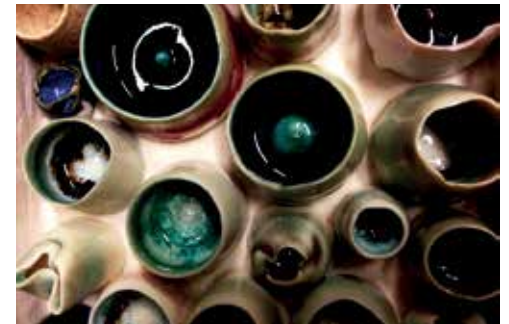


THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS

The Assembly Rooms are available to hire for concerts, weddings, parties and conferences. For more information please visit: www.rls-dining-events.co.uk

CAFÉ

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



GALLERY SHOP

Drop into our shop for 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! Look at our craft showcase to find out whose work is currently available.

EXHIBITIONS

MEDICATE 2015

23 October 2015 – 17 January 2016

This exhibition will showcase works from the Medicate collection of contemporary art and later acquisitions it inspired.

Between 2000 and 2005, Leamington Spa Art Gallery developed an art collection which explored the history of the Royal Pump Rooms as a former treatment centre and its collection of contemporary art, medical equipment and archives. 10 years after the project finished, the *Medicate 2015* exhibition will revisit this unique group of artworks.



Edmund de Waal, *water-shed*, 2010, white lacquer cabinet, thrown porcelain vessels © Edmund de Waal

The works of art in this collection examine the physical, societal and psychological effects of disease on people as well as the values and practices of medical science. Artists represented in the collection include: Damien Hirst, Christine Borland, Keith Coventry, Jason Oddy, Laura Glassar, Tania Kovats, Jordan Baseman, Alexa Wright, Marc Quinn and Lyndall Phelps. Glassar and Wright's work question how our bodily appearance is shaped by illness or disease and how we react to this. Hirst's and Coventry's

work can be seen to question how the pharmaceutical and recreational drugs and foods we consume affect us physically. The Medicate collection was created with the help of the artists and funders: the Wellcome Trust, Arts Council of England and Resource/ V&A Purchase Grant Fund. A panel of consultants advised on the selection of artworks for the collection: Mr Francis Wells, Professor Nick Spencer, Professor Martin Kemp, Anna Harrison, Sandra Percival and Gill Hedley.

LIGHTING THE WORLD: JOSEPH HINKS

27 October – 29 November 2015

In 1865 Joseph Hinks invented and patented the 'Duplex' burner, a two wick system for improved paraffin oil lamps. He became a major supplier of oil lighting equipment across the world. In 1890 he became mayor of Royal Leamington Spa.

Presented in partnership with the Historic Lighting Club, this exhibition showcases Hinks's lamps, including important examples of the factory's production. Join us for a Friday Focus talk at 1pm on Friday 30 October to find out more about Hinks' invention and his life in Royal Leamington Spa.



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EVENTS

FRIDAY FOCUS

Friday 23 October, 1pm

To mark the opening of *Medicate 2015*, join us for an introductory talk by curator Alice Swatton.

FREE no need to book.

DROP IN AND KNIT

Wednesday 28 October &
Saturday 28 November,
11am – 4pm

Join Alfreda McHale for two days of creating small knitted squares in the galleries. Learn how to knit or just get stuck in and help create a huge blanket to celebrate the knitting display. No skills are required and materials will be provided.

FREE drop in and join in. All ages.



GLAZED CERAMICS ADULT WORKSHOP

Saturday 7 November,
11am – 4pm

Join Sally Larke for a ceramic workshop inspired by Edmund de Waal's *water-shed*. Explore the technique of making collections of pots using a variety of hand building methods. All work will be fired and glazed after the workshop and available to collect from the gallery two weeks later.

WREATH MAKING ADULT WORKSHOP

Saturday 5 December,
11am – 4pm

Get in the festive spirit with this fantastic wreath making workshop for adults. Explore a variety of ways of decorating and embellishing a Christmas wreath whilst discovering links with past traditions. Create a bespoke wreath to take home.



MEDICINAL JEWELLERY ADULT WORKSHOP

Saturday 9 January, 11am – 4pm

Join members of Craft Space for a day making polymer clay jewellery inspired by the body and medicine. Create a collection that's good for your soul; in the making and the wearing. All materials will be provided on the day.

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

ACTIVITIES



GAME ON!

**Saturday 24 October,
11am – 4pm**

Have you ever wondered what it takes to make a video game? Learn about the life drawing and modelling skills you need to become a game designer and find out about the best way to develop a career in the games industry.

FREE drop in and join in.
Suitable for the whole family.

YOUNG CURATORS CLUB

Tuesday 27 October, 2 – 3pm

Have you ever wondered who put back together the broken pots that you sometimes see in a museum? Now is the chance to find out. Spend the afternoon learning about object restoration and try the techniques on some replicas.

FREE Book your free place by calling 01926 742700.
Suitable for ages 8 years and above.
Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult or given written permission on arrival.



HALF TERM ART CLUB

**Thursday 29 October,
11am – 11.30am,
2pm – 2.30pm,
2.45pm – 3.15pm,
3.30pm – 4pm**

Are you batty about Halloween?
Do you want your afternoon to fly by?
Why not join us for a Halloween themed Art Club during October half term? Create your very own bat mobile to take home.

FREE drop in and join in.
Recommended for children up to 12 years.

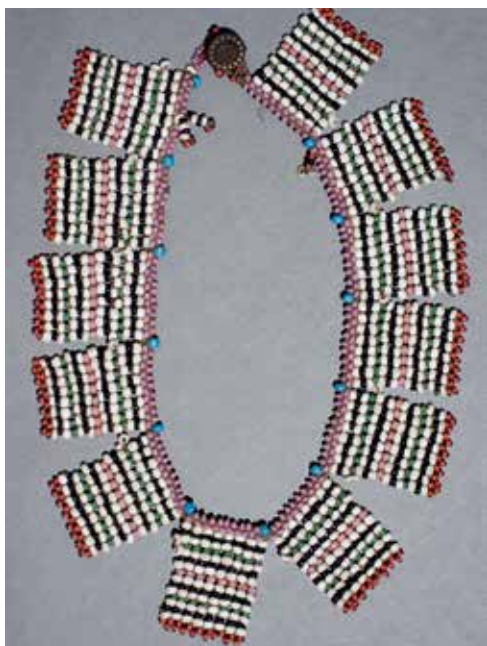


MUSEUMS AT NIGHT: HALLOWEEN

**Saturday 31 October,
6pm and 7pm**

Join us for a family friendly after hours event, to celebrate the first ever Halloween themed Museums at Night. Explore the galleries by torchlight and listen to some spooky local tales with storyteller Colin King. Please bring your own torch.

FREE Places are limited so please book in advance. Recommended for children aged 6 and above.
Phone 01926 742700 or email penelope.thomas@warwickdc.gov.uk



Zulu love letter necklace

DIWALI CELEBRATION

Saturday 14 November
11am – 4pm

To celebrate Diwali this November, join us in the galleries for a day of fun activities and workshops provided by South Asian Arts agency Sampad. Learn about Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights, through dance, movement, drama and interactive storytelling. Join Sohan Kailey on the amazing journey of Rama and Sita in this exciting Indian epic and have fun trying out three different dances!

FREE drop in and join in.
Suitable for the whole family.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH BEAD NECKLACE CRAFT

Friday 30 October, 2 – 4pm

Learn about the Zulu love letter necklaces in our collections and make your own replica to take home.

FREE drop in and join in.
Suitable for the whole family.



SANTA'S GROTTTO

Saturday 12 December,
11am – 4pm

Santa is returning to Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum once more! Join us for a family friendly day out and visit Santa in his grotto. Receive a special festive gift, take part in seasonal craft activities and enjoy some refreshments in Haddie's Gallery. Listen to Coventry Philharmonic Choir sing your favourite carols and pick up some last minute gifts from the Gallery Shop.

FREE drop in and join in.
Suitable for the whole family.



FAMILY ARTS DAY

Saturday 2 January,
11am – 4pm

If you'd like to get rid of those end-of-holiday blues then why not head down to Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum for the New Year and get creative for the day? There will be art activities in the galleries and a local artist to lead an exciting drop in workshop throughout the day.

FREE drop in and join in.
Suitable for the whole family.





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. Final entry at 2.45pm.

FREE drop in and join in. Recommended for children up to 12 years.



ARTY TOTS

First Wednesday of each month, 11am – 12noon

Arty Tots sessions run in the Art Gallery 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.

LANTERN MAKING

Wednesday 2 December, 11am – 12noon and 2 – 3pm

Lantern making for toddlers as part of the Lantern Parade Festival with BID Leamington.

FREE Places are limited so please book in advance. Phone 01926 742700 or email penelope.thomas@warwickdc.gov.uk



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 explore the displays. The trails can be collected from the Art Gallery desk. There are four different themes to try.



NEW ACQUISITIONS

GEORGE WATSON BEQUEST

An exciting collection of twelve Dutch and Flemish artworks and two Victorian paintings have been bequeathed by George Watson through the Art Fund, the national fundraising charity for art. It includes *The Temptation of St Anthony*, by David Teniers the Younger and *The Interior of the Kitchen at Rectory Farm, Ewell*, by William Holman Hunt. The Dutch works will feature in the New Display of the permanent art collection, which will launch in the autumn. They will be shown alongside the existing collection of works by Dutch and Flemish 16th and 17th century masters.



ArtFund

William Holman Hunt, *The Interior of the Kitchen at Rectory Farm, Ewell*

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.windowsonwarwickshire.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

LEAMINGTON YOUNG WRITERS

Calling all young people in Warwick District! The Young Writers (aged 12 – 16 years) meet once a month on Saturdays to have fun writing poems, stories, letters, and whatever else takes our fancy! The group is led by professional writer Matt Black and is welcoming new members. For more information or to register your interest please email leamingtonlibrary@warwickshire.gov.uk or call 0300 555 8171, and ask for Leamington Library.

WARWICK WORDS AUTUMN FESTIVAL

Join Dan Jones, Sir Robert Worcester, Juliet Barker and Tim Clayton along with many other special guests at Warwick Words this autumn (30 September – 4 October). For more information visit www.warwickwords.co.uk Box Office: Royal Spa Centre and Town Hall in Royal Leamington Spa, 01926 334418.

LEAMINGTON UNDERGROUND CINEMA FESTIVAL

Join LUC for seven days of feature screenings, short films, music and more for the discerning film fan (7 – 14 November). The festival incorporates the third annual LUC Short Film Prize, which awards the winning film £1000. For more information visit www.leamingtonundergroundcinema.co.uk.

MADE IN LEAMINGTON

Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 October, 11am – 5pm, Leamington Spa Town Hall. Showcasing local designers/makers and a wealth of collectible crafts and original gifts including jewellery, ceramics, fine furniture and textiles. Vintage café available offering delicious tea & cakes. Find Made in Leamington on Facebook.

CONCERTS

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



9 October Royal Quartet

(Poland)
Bach, Haydn and Beethoven

18 March Piatti Quartet

Haydn, Bartok and Beethoven

6 November Kodaly Quartet

(Hungary)
Haydn, Kodaly, Webern and Beethoven

27 November Carducci Quartet, Morgan Szymanski guitar

Haydn, Shostakovich, Vivaldi and Boccherini

29 January London Haydn Quartet

Hummel, Beethoven and Haydn

26 February Signum Quartet

(Germany)
Haydn, Berg and Brahms



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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

