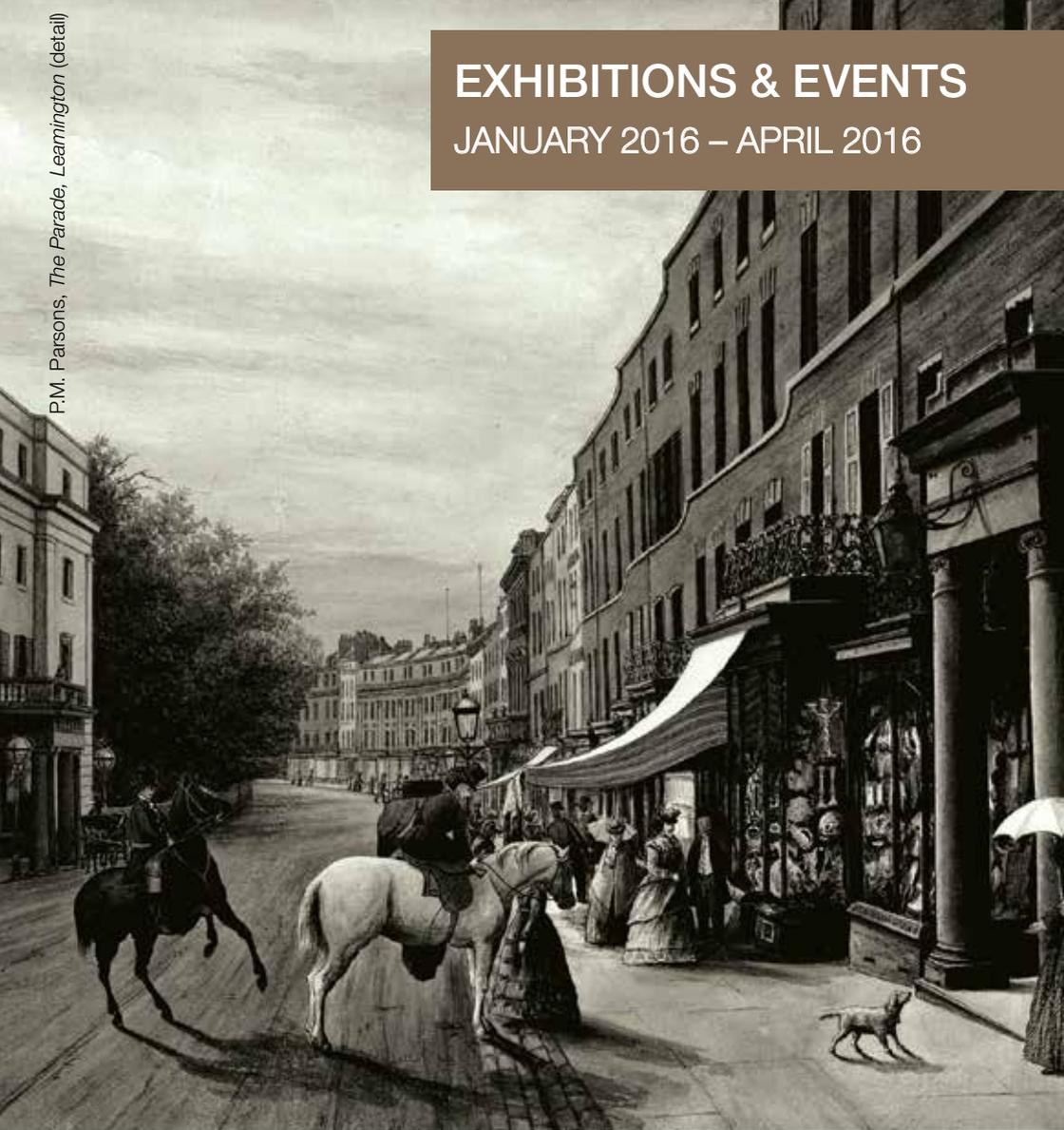




LEAMINGTON SPA Art Gallery & Museum

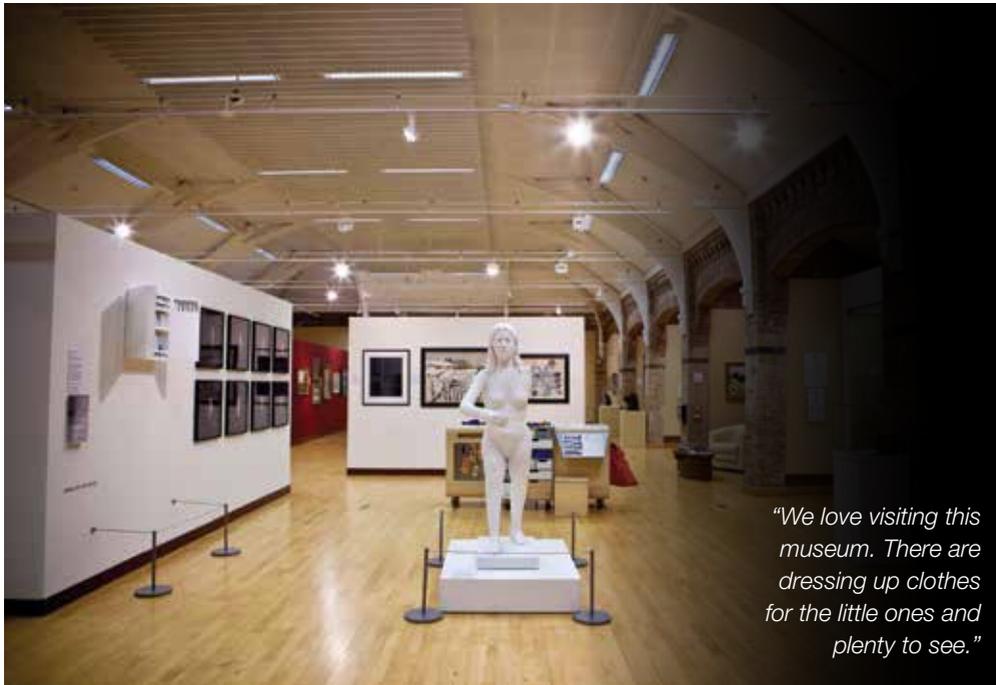
EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS JANUARY 2016 – APRIL 2016

P.M. Parsons, *The Parade, Leamington* (detail)



WELCOME

Please browse our latest What's On guide to find out more about the opportunities this Spring to explore the arts and history through our programmes of changing exhibitions, activities and workshops.



"We love visiting this museum. There are dressing up clothes for the little ones and plenty to see."



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 visit 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. They 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. It 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

THROUGH THE SHOP WINDOW

30 January – 17 April 2016

Discover what shopping was like in Royal Leamington Spa from the 1880s to the 1980s.

Using personal stories, photographs and objects from the collection, this exhibition will focus on the many and varied independent retailers that operated in the town during this period. From small, specialist companies such as Lavinia's dress shop and Southorn boot makers, to the large department stores Woodward's and Burgis & Colbourne that came to dominate the Parade.

Find out how people were lured into the shops. Learn the skills needed to work in a grocers. Discover how long it took to train as a draper.

With fun interactives, dressing up, and the chance to see the neon sign from Toytown on display for the first time, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Explore further by visiting the Shopping in Leamington Spa virtual trail on Historypin.



Metcalf's Game and Poultry shop Christmas display, c.1910

EVENTS

WHO WILL BUY?

Saturday 30 January,
11am – 4pm

Step through the shop window for a family friendly day of storytelling, craft making and more as we launch *Through the Shop Window*, an exhibition about shopping in Royal Leamington Spa. Meet an Edwardian

shop keeper and hear the stories of Burgis and Colbourne as part of National Storytelling week. There will also be a chance to add your own artwork and memories to the exhibition with a special Art Cart activity creating shopping memory boxes.

FREE drop in and join in. All ages.



Christmas gift shop at Woodward's in the 1970s © John Wright Photography

FRIDAY FOCUS EXTRA

Friday 5 February, 1pm

Join Senior Curator Vicki Slade for an introduction to the *Through the Shop Window* exhibition. This Friday Focus Extra will last for one hour.

FREE no need to book.

ADULT WORKSHOP BAG MAKING

Saturday 6 February,
11am – 4pm

Make a delightful shopping or embellished gift sac with award winning textile artist Debbie Squires. You could make it as a gift for a friend, family member or to treat yourself. We will be using re-purposed and found materials to construct and embellish the bags, using a range of techniques from appliqué to beading.

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

WINE TASTING

Saturday 20 February,
6pm – 7pm

Explore the history of wine merchants Burgis and Colbourne with an evening wine tasting event at Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum. Take a look around the *Through the Shop Window* exhibition and try a selection of white wines.

£5 per person. Non-refundable. Places are limited, please call 01926 742700 to book. Payment required to confirm booking.



MOTHER'S DAY GALLERY SALON

Saturday 5 March, 1.30pm, 2pm,
2.30pm, 3pm, 3.30pm & 4pm

Celebrate the Mother's Day weekend and revel in the golden age of the Department Store experience with a relaxing 30 minute hair and makeup session for two. Choose from a speedy vintage up do, mini makeup or victory rolls and eye flicks! Take a look around the *Through the Shop Window* exhibition before heading into the Assembly Rooms for a session with vintage hair and makeup expert Sarah Russell and a glass of sparkling wine or juice.

£20 for 2. Non-refundable. Places are limited, please call 01926 742700 to book. Payment required to confirm booking.

ADULT WORKSHOP FABULOUS FASCINATORS

Saturday 19 March, 11am – 4pm

Spend the day with couture milliner and designer Bobbi Heath hand crafting your own chic creation. Join Bobbi in the Craft Studio, where she will teach you how to create your own amazing fascinator or headpiece. All materials and sewing aids are provided. If there is a piece of material or jewellery you would like to incorporate in your design please bring it with you. Some sewing skills are required.



ADULT WORKSHOP TEXTURED CANVAS

Saturday 9 April, 11am – 4pm

Join artist Lisa Broughton for this colourful textile appliqué canvas workshop. Using an owl template and fabrics of your choice, you will construct and fuse the artwork, finishing with hand sewing, trimmings and embellishments.

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



ACTIVITIES

VALENTINE CARD CRAFT

Saturday 13 February, 2 – 4pm

Join us in the Gallery for the afternoon to make a Valentine's card to take home.

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



YOUNG CURATORS CLUB

Tuesday 16 February, 2 – 3pm

Explore behind the scenes to learn more about Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum's collections and become an object photographer for the afternoon.

Tuesday 22 March, 2 – 3pm

For a chance to learn about object interpretation, join the Young Curators Club to create an animation of an object in our collections.

FREE Places are limited so please book in advance. For ages 8+. Children must be accompanied by an adult or given written permission to attend alone.



HALF TERM ART CLUB

Thursday 18 February

Half-hour sessions start at 11am, 2pm, 2.45pm & 3.30pm

Collage your own museum shop advert.

FREE Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Suitable for children up to 12 years.

INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

Saturday 20 February, 2 – 4pm

Celebrate language during this family friendly afternoon event and add your favourite item to the international shop.

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



THE UNIVERSITY OF
WARWICK



THE SCIENCE OF SHOPPING

Saturday 12 March, 11am – 4pm

Discover the science of shopping in this special British Science Week event. Join scientists from Warwick University to find out about the psychology of shopping and much more.

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



EASTER WEEKEND

Friday 25 & Saturday 26 March,
11am – 4pm

Take part in a Matilda themed Easter Egg Hunt trail around the Royal Pump Rooms and collect your chocolate prize. Get your face painted and make your own bunny shopping bag to take home.

FREE drop in and join in.



EASTER HOLIDAYS

ART CLUB

Thursday 24 March
& 31 March,

Half-hour sessions start at
11am, 2pm, 2.45pm & 3.30pm

Make your own Easter card.

FREE Places are allocated on
a first come, first served basis.
Suitable for children
up to 12 years.



EVENTS

MUSEUMS AT NIGHT: THE ROARING TWENTIES

Saturday 14 May, 7.30pm – 11pm

Step back in time for an evening of 1920s drama and music. Soak up the late night atmosphere of the Art Gallery & Museum with sketches by the Cubbington Players. Enjoy some 1920s jazz music with the Gershwin Gang in the Assembly Rooms and test

out your Charleston. Strike your most authentic pose in the photo-booth and try some 1920s cocktails. 1920s dress is recommended!

Tickets are £18 per person and can be booked online via the Royal Spa Centre website or by calling 01926 742700.



The Assembly Room at the Royal Pump Rooms, c.1920



ACTIVITIES

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.



ART CART FAMILY FUN

Last Saturday of each month, 1 – 3pm

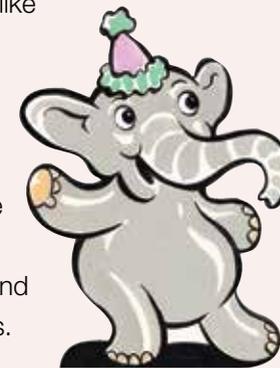
Join us for family art and craft sessions in the galleries using our mobile Art Cart. Create your very own artwork to take home. The Art Cart is also available during normal opening hours. Explore its drawers and pockets to discover lots of activities inspired by the displays.

FREE drop in and join in.

Final entry at 2.45pm. Recommended for children up to 12 years.

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

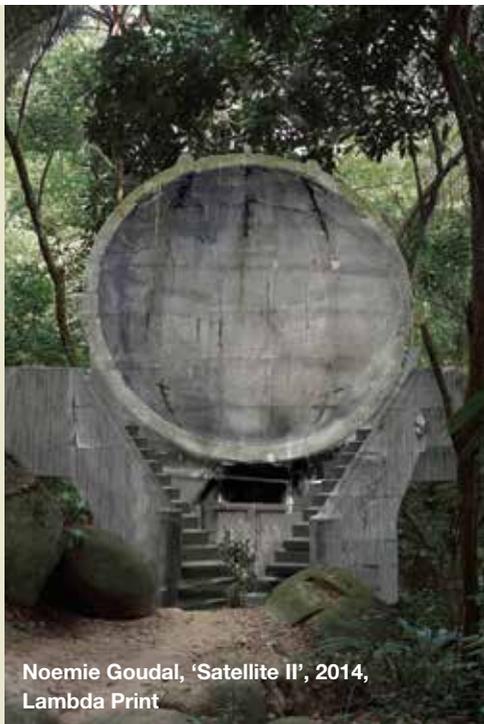
Haddie's Trails are designed to help families with young children to explore the displays. The trails can be collected from the art gallery desk. There are four different themes to try.

NEW ACQUISITIONS

NOÉMIE GOUDAL

The Contemporary Art Society has acquired *Satellite II* by Noémie Goudal (b.1984, Paris, France) for Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum.

Noémie Goudal's work is inspired by removed and isolated places. She constructs fictional photographic landscapes. The resulting works exist in a state between illusion and reality, with ambiguity to where they truly belong. This work will be displayed in the main gallery to coincide with the opening of the Camouflage exhibition (22 July – 16 October 2016). The University of Warwick Art Collection have acquired the related artwork in the series *Satellite I*.



Noemie Goudal, 'Satellite II', 2014, Lambda Print

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.

Like Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum on Facebook and follow us on Twitter [@LeamSpaArtGall](https://twitter.com/LeamSpaArtGall) or Instagram on [LeamSpaArtGallery](https://www.instagram.com/LeamSpaArtGallery).

Read regular posts about all the latest news and events.



ONLINE COLLECTIONS

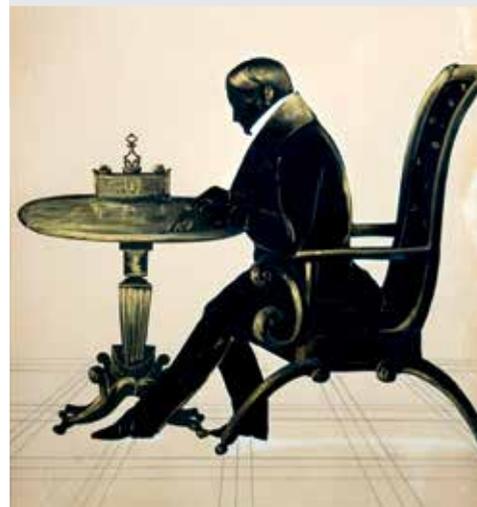
You can explore Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum's collections online. All 12,000 items in our wide ranging collections have been added to an electronic archive including over 5,000 images. To access the online collections visit www.windowsonwarwickshire.org.uk. You can also access the website from the computers in the galleries.

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 – BROKEN

Thursday 4 & Friday 5 February,
Warwick Arts Centre at 7.30pm

Visually thrilling and full of trickery Broken erupts onto the stage in an adrenaline filled multi-media spectacle. Leamington Spa based Motionhouse are one of the leading dance theatre companies in the UK. Making work locally & performing it globally – this is a chance to see Motionhouse's acclaimed show Broken close to home.

For further information please visit www.motionhouse.co.uk. For tickets visit www.warwickartscentre.co.uk or call 02476524524



ARMONICO CONSORT – VENICE: THE DOGE'S CORONATION

Saturday 30 January at St. Mary's
Church, Warwick at 7.30pm

Armonico Consort have now firmly established their reputation throughout the UK for superb performances of challenging and daring music. This new programme is inspired by 16th century Venice and includes works by Monteverdi and Gabrieli. For further information & tickets please visit www.armonico.org.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 their fancy! The group is led by professional writer Matt Black and is welcoming new members. For more information please email leamingtonlibrary@warwickshire.gov.uk or call 0300 555 8171 and ask for Leamington Library.

CONCERTS

INTERNATIONAL STRING QUARTET SERIES

Royal Pump Rooms – Fridays at 7.30pm

26 February

Signum Quartet

(Germany)
Haydn, Berg
and Brahms

18 March

Piatti Quartet

Haydn, Bartok
and Beethoven



LEAMINGTON MUSIC FESTIVAL WEEKEND

Friday 29 April

7.30pm Guarneri Piano Trio

Saturday 30 April

12noon London Haydn Quartet

7.30pm Martinu String Quartet

Sunday 1 May

12noon Guarneri Piano Trio

7.30pm Martinu Piano Trio

Monday 2 May

12.30pm Martinu String Quartet
with Petr Jirikovsky piano

7.30pm Ensemble 360

Tuesday 3 May

12noon Ensemble 360 and
Simon Wallfisch baritone

7.30pm Martinu String Quartet
with Simon Wallfisch baritone
and Gemma Rosefield cello

Full details and online tickets from
www.leamingtonmusic.org
Leamington Town Hall Box Office
tel 01926 334418

Ensemble 360



HOW TO FIND US

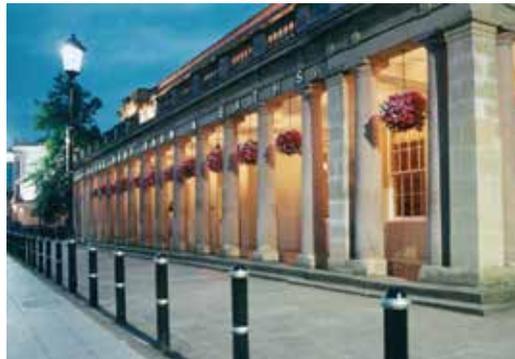


Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum is in the Royal Pump Rooms, on The Parade, opposite Jephson Gardens. If travelling by car, leave the M40 at Junction 13 and follow directions into Royal Leamington Spa on the A452.

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.

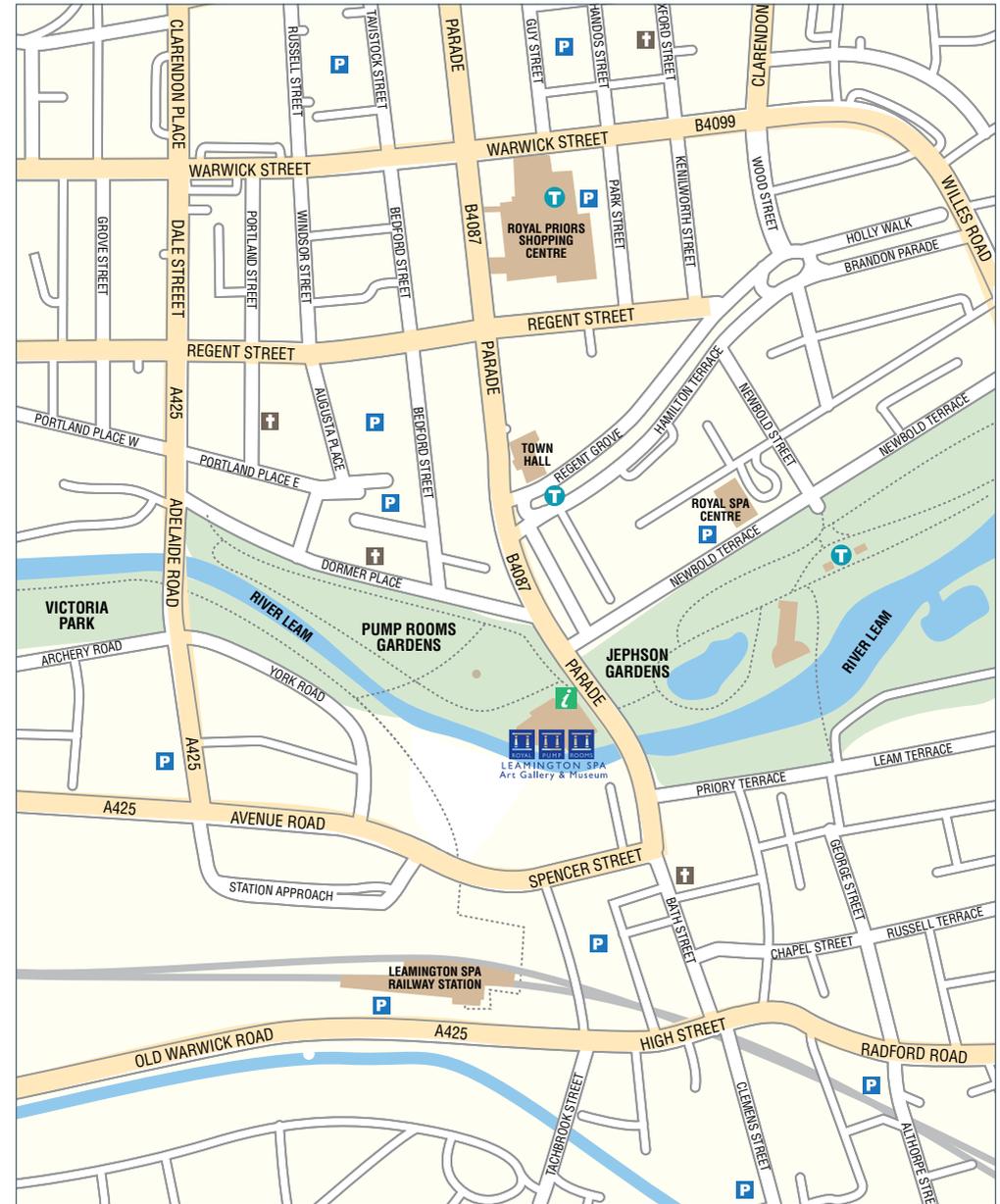
PARKING

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 5 minutes 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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Café & Assembly Rooms

01926 742751

Opening hours

Tues - Sat

10.30am - 5pm

Sun & Bank Hols

11am - 4pm

Mon

Closed

Please note our opening times on Tues – Sat will be changing from April 2016 to 10.45am-5pm

ADMISSION FREE

