



# LEAMINGTON SPA Art Gallery & Museum

## EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS

APRIL 2016 – JULY 2016



Simon Lewty *The Men Who Lie In The Road* (detail), 1991, ink and acrylic on tissue paper

# WELCOME

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



*"Really enjoyed our visit and learned a lot about the growth of Leamington as a Spa town. The Turkish bath was a revelation."*



Many events are free and there is plenty for children and families to do. While you are in the Royal Pump Rooms, there is also the chance to see 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.

## CAFÉ

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



## THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS

The Assembly Rooms is available for hire for concerts, weddings, parties and conferences. For more information please visit: [www.rls-dining-events.co.uk](http://www.rls-dining-events.co.uk)

## 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.

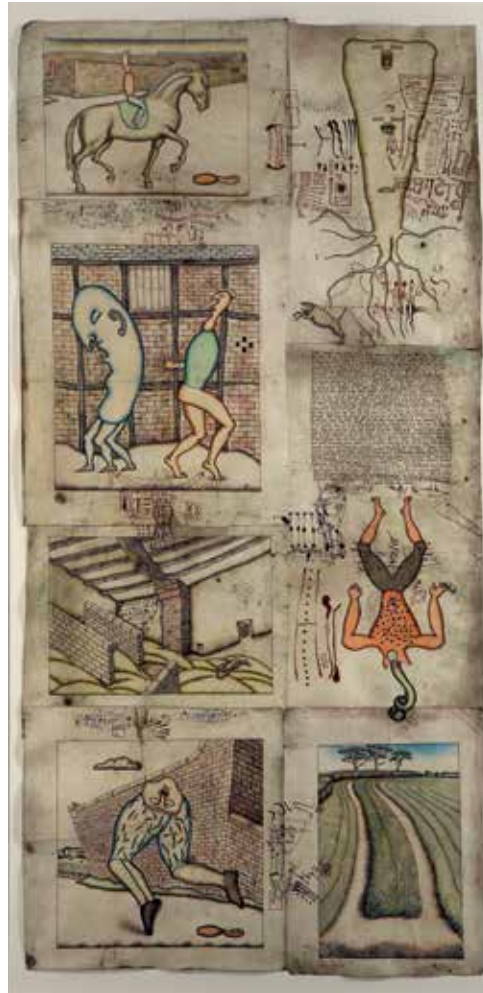


# EXHIBITIONS

## ART FIRST

### **SIMON LEWTY: THE SIGNIFICANCE OF WRITING** 29 April – 10 July 2016

The Simon Lewty exhibition, *The SIGNificance of writing*, is a survey exhibition of the artist's work. This show includes early works dating back to the 1970s, spanning almost 50 years, alongside work recently produced by the artist. It will feature the fantastical artwork *The Men Who Lie In The Road* from Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum's collection, alongside works on loan from both 'Art First' and Simon Lewty's private collection. Lewty's work was last shown in his home town of Royal Leamington Spa in the early 1990s. This exhibition will allow audiences to discover, or rediscover, Simon Lewty's exceptional practice as an artist who has made drawing and the art of creative, poetic writing his life's work.



Simon Lewty, *The Men Who Lie In The Road*, 1991, ink and acrylic on tissue paper.

## COMING SOON

### **CONCEALMENT AND DECEPTION: THE ART OF THE CAMOUFLEURS OF LEAMINGTON SPA IN WORLD WAR 2**

22 July – 16 October 2016

The exhibition presents the work of the camouflage team against the backdrop of the wartime spa town's 'Home Front'.

# EVENTS

## PRIVATE VIEW

Thursday 28 April, 6pm – 7.30pm

Join us for a preview of the Simon Lewty exhibition. Speeches will start at 6.30pm.

**FREE** drop in and join in.



## FRIDAY FOCUS EXTRA

Friday 29 April, 1pm

Brendan Flynn, freelance curator and lecturer, will discuss Simon Lewty's current artistic practice.

**FREE** No need to book.

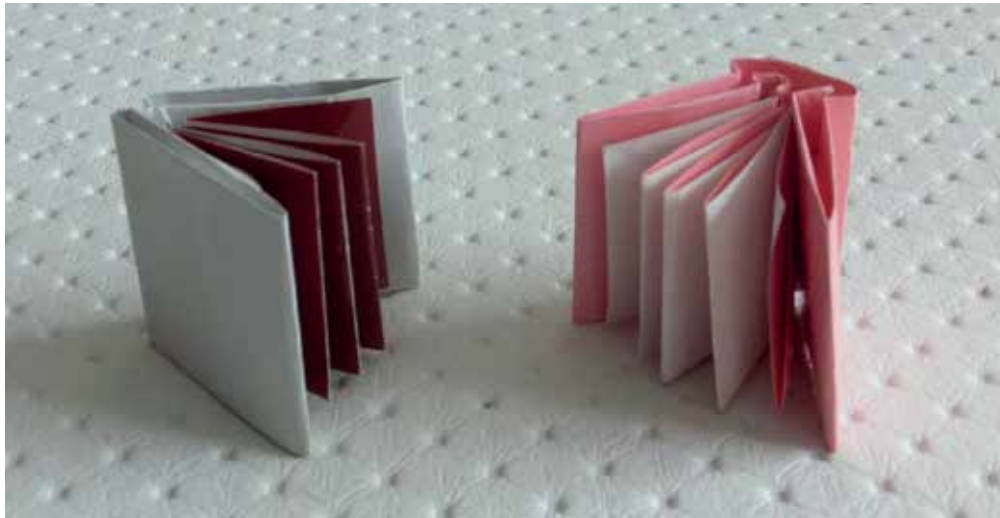
Image: Preparatory Drawing For *The Men Who Lie In The Road*, 1991, pencil and P.V.A. glue on tissue paper.



## **PARCHMENT & INK WORKSHOP BRONIA SAWYER**

**Saturday 21 May, 11am – 4pm**

Spend the day with Bronia Sawyer for an experimental collage and drawing workshop using parchment and ink. Build up a nature themed collage from pen and ink drawings on parchment and then develop these into a final piece, using printing, marbling, stitching and embossing.



## **BOOK MAKING WORKSHOP HELEN WILSON**

**Saturday 4 June, 11am – 4pm**

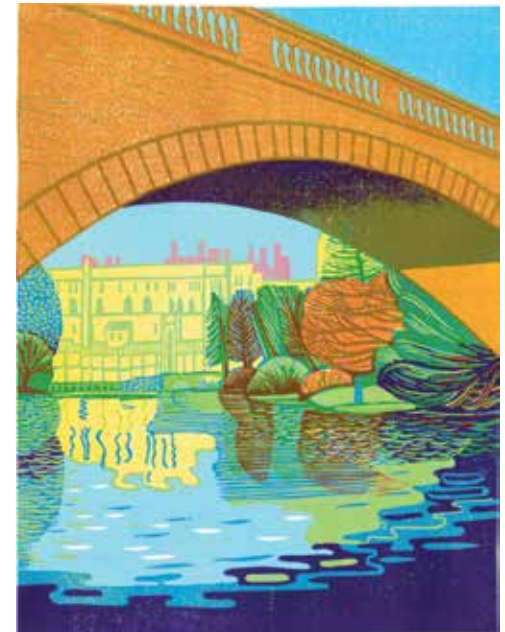
For the bibliophiles out there, join Helen Wilson for a day of book making for beginners. Explore different types of book making and see examples of the type of work you will create. Progress from using basic origami to creating Do-Si-Do and Zig-Zag books.



## **PRINTMAKING WORKSHOP ERIC GASKELL**

**Saturday 25 June, 11am – 4pm**

Eric Gaskell has been painting and printmaking for over 35 years and runs workshops on printmaking around the UK. He will be running a fun, informative class looking at how to create a linocut. The class will introduce the basic skills, including drawing for linocut, how to get the best from your design, transferring the image, methods of making cut marks, different methods of inking the block and taking a print. This will be a single colour linocut, which can be printed onto coloured papers or collage. Please bring along some sketches or ideas to work from.



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



# ACTIVITIES

## ART CART FAMILY FUN EXTRA

**Saturday 30 April, 1pm – 3pm**

Bring to life your own fantastical creature and listen to some dragon tales with spoken word artist Chloe of the Midnight Storytellers. Stories at 1.15pm, 2.10pm & 2.40pm

**FREE** drop in & join in.

Suitable for the whole family.

**Saturday 28 May, 1pm – 3pm**

Recreate characters from Simon Lewty's paintings as a 3D puppet to take home.

**FREE** drop in & join in.

Suitable for the whole family.

**Saturday 25 June, 1pm – 3pm**

Design and make your own weird and wonderful insect for National Insect Week. Explore possible habitats, survival techniques and food chains to create your own amazing species.

**FREE** drop in & join in.

Suitable for the whole family.



## YOUNG CURATORS' CLUB

**Tuesday 31 May, 2pm – 3pm**

Find out more about the beasties that can invade our buildings and how to protect objects from insect damage.

**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.



## ART CLUB

**Thursday 2 June**

**Half-hour sessions start at 11.30am, 2pm, 2.45pm & 3.30pm**

Make your own Simon Lewty-inspired figures in air-drying clay and find out more about 3D printing.

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

## FATHER'S DAY

Saturday 18 June, 2pm – 4pm

Create a Father's Day layered collage card ready to take home.

**FREE** drop in and join in.

Suitable for the whole family.



## CRAFT CLUB

Sunday 8 May, Sunday 12 June  
& Sunday 10 July, 2pm – 4pm

Everyone is welcome to join this monthly craft group, no experience necessary. Join Action 21 skill sharers to learn a new craft each month or bring along something you are working on and enjoy the company of other craft enthusiasts. Sewing machines are available.

**FREE** drop in and join in.

# 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 Cublington 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 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, 1pm – 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. 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 explore the displays. The trails can be collected from the art gallery desk. There are four different themes to try.

# NEW ACQUISITIONS

## HARRY WEINBERGER

Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum has recently acquired a collection of works by Harry Weinberger, which have kindly been gifted to us through the Harry Weinberger Estate. This acquisition further complements existing works which we have by Weinberger in the collection: *Black Snow*, *The Joker* and *My Workroom*. This new collection of distinguished works (*Portrait with Mask*, *In Cornwall*, *Leamington Studio Window* and *Still Life*) allows LSAG&M to firmly represent Weinberger, who lived and worked in Royal Leamington Spa for many years.



Harry Weinberger, *Portrait with Mask*, oil on canvas.

## 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](mailto:prooms@warwickdc.gov.uk).

Like Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @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](http://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](http://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](http://www.friendsofleamingtonartgallery.co.uk)



# ARTS DEVELOPMENT

The Arts Development Service provides advice and support for artists and arts organisations who work or live in Warwick District.

To find out more please email [mair.evans@warwickdc.gov.uk](mailto:mair.evans@warwickdc.gov.uk)

## INTERNATIONAL JAZZ DAY

**Saturday 30 April**

**Restaurant in the Park, Jephson Gardens, Leamington Spa**

In The Moment presents renowned guitarist John Etheridge appearing with Interplay for this year's International Jazz Day. Before the concert Dr. Nicolas Pillai will give a talk entitled 'Before "Whiplash": Understanding the Jazz Film'. For more information visit [www.interplayjazz.co.uk](http://www.interplayjazz.co.uk)



## WARWICKSHIRE OPEN STUDIOS

**Monday 18 June –**

**Wednesday 3 July**

Artists and designer makers open their doors at venues across Warwickshire & Coventry. The Summer Open Studios is an opportunity to see work by hundreds of artists in their studios or at other amazing venues. Admission is Free. For more information visit [www.warwickshireopenstudios.org](http://www.warwickshireopenstudios.org)



## HEARTBREAK PRODUCTIONS

Bring a picnic & join Heartbreak Productions for their open air summer productions in Jephson Gardens. Visit [www.heartbreakproductions.co.uk](http://www.heartbreakproductions.co.uk) for further information about dates, venues and tickets.



# CONCERTS

## 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](http://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 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

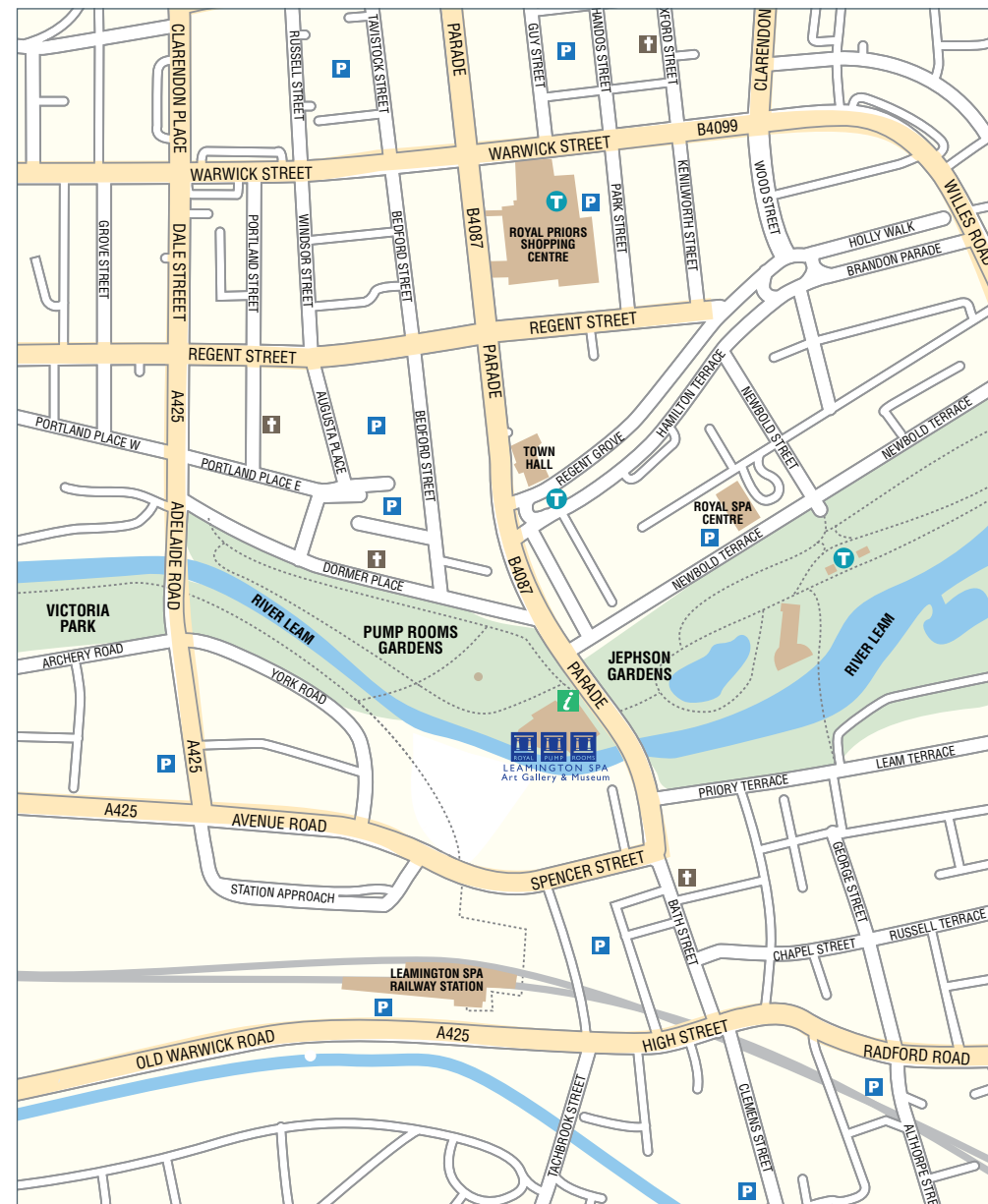
There is limited parking directly outside the Royal Pump Rooms. Parking is reserved for disabled visitors approximately 10 metres from the entrance. There is a drop off point for coaches on Newbold Terrace. St. Peter's car park is also within walking distance of the Royal Pump Rooms.



*"Free museum in a lovely setting."*

## ACCESS

The art gallery is on one level and the museum is on two levels, the upper 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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## Call us on

Art Gallery & Museum	01926 742700
Visitor Information Centre	01926 742762
Leamington Library	01926 742721 / 742722
Café & Assembly Rooms	01926 742751

## Opening hours

Tues – Sat	10.45am – 5pm
Sun & Bank Hols	11am – 4pm
Mon	Closed

**ADMISSION FREE**

