



LEAMINGTON SPA
Art Gallery & Museum

EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS
OCTOBER 2016 – JANUARY 2017

Colin Hitchmough, *Dictionary of Silences (Aurora Bognorealis)* 2015, acrylic on canvas

WELCOME

With a focus on the homecoming of the work of Colin Hitchmough, renowned for his large scale canvas paintings, we have a wide variety of exhibitions, activities and workshops for you to enjoy in the Art Gallery & Museum this Winter.

"A gem of a place...very interesting...and it's free!"



© Lee Allen



As ever many of our 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 enjoy one of its other attractions; perhaps have a drink or something to eat in the café, attend one of the events in the 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 is open daily serving tea, coffee, cakes pastries and a variety of lunch options.

GALLERY SHOP

Our gallery shop has 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 elegant Regency Assembly Rooms are a wonderful venue for concerts, weddings, parties and conferences and are available to hire. For more information please visit www.rls-dining-events.co.uk



Prints by Bronia Sawyer

EXHIBITIONS

COLIN HITCHMOUGH DICTIONARY OF SILENCES

28 October 2016 – 8 January 2017

Colin Hitchmough returns to the town where he lived for many years to showcase new works alongside a selection of key pieces from his portfolio from the early 1970s to the present day. Examples of the artist's renowned large scale paintings on canvas (often unstretched) will be shown alongside smaller works from the same series. Hitchmough's work focuses primarily on the material structure of paintings. Also being exhibited for the first time will be a series of studies, working drawings and preparatory sketches for the larger canvas works.



Colin Hitchmough, *Pier*, 2006, acrylic on canvas

Colin Hitchmough was born in 1943 in Widnes. He studied Fine Art at Liverpool College of Art (1963-67) and Birmingham College of Art (1967-68). After leaving college he lived and worked in Rugby for three years and then moved to Leamington Spa where he lived until 2009. For most of this time he taught at Warwickshire College in Leamington Spa, where he ran the Foundation Course in Art and Design for many years. He also taught on the Fine Art Degree Courses at Leamington Warwickshire College and the University of Central England. Colin is married with two sons and now lives with his wife on the West Sussex coast.



Colin Hitchmough, *Untitled*, 1971, acrylic on canvas

UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

LANDSCAPES

20 January – 2 April 2017

Landscapes from the collection at Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum will be shown alongside a contemporary commission.

EVENTS

PRIVATE VIEW

Thursday 27 October, 6 – 7.30pm

Join us for a preview of the Colin Hitchmough exhibition, *Dictionary of Silences*.

FREE No need to book.



FRIDAY FOCUS EXTRA

Friday 28 October, 1pm

Senior Curator, Chloe Johnson will give an introductory talk about the exhibition and discuss the work of Colin Hitchmough.

FREE Drop in & join in. This Friday Focus Extra will last for one hour.

Colin Hitchmough,
Dictionary of Silences 4,
2015, acrylic on canvas





CRAFT CLUB

Sunday 13 November,
11 December and
8 January, 2 – 4pm

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

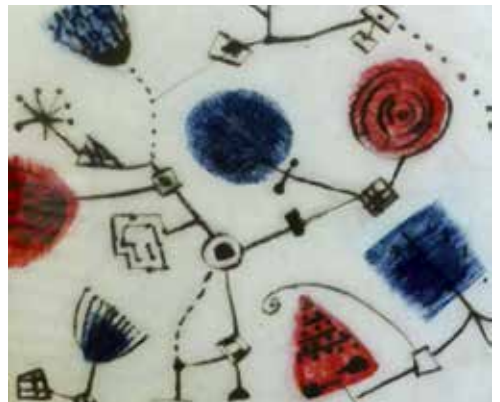
FREE No need to book.



DRYPOINT PRINTS WITH CORINNA SPENCER

Saturday 19 November,
11am – 4pm

Join Corinna Spencer for a printmaking workshop inspired by Colin Hitchmough. 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.



EVENTS

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS WITH FIONA METCALFE

**Saturday 10 December,
11am – 4pm**

Create a Christmas stocking, individual Christmas cards and tags using a variety of materials that can be hand or machine stitched and embellished with ribbons, buttons and trimmings. All participants will have the chance to decorate and take home a finished Christmas stocking and greeting cards.



CHARCOAL WORKSHOP WITH MARY RILEY

**Saturday 14 January,
11am – 4pm**

Come and join this experimental 'mark making' workshop. It is designed for both the beginner and the more experienced artist. We will talk about the different ways of making marks with all sorts of materials that help to stimulate the imagination, and the importance of the 'mark' in relation to creating a drawing or painting.



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

ACTIVITIES

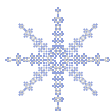


SANTA'S GROTTTO

**Saturday 10 December,
11am – 4pm**

Get into the festive spirit and enjoy a winter wonderland at the Art Gallery & Museum. Visit Santa in his grotto, receive a special festive gift, take part in seasonal craft activities, enjoy some refreshments in Haddie's Gallery and listen to Coventry Philharmonic Choir sing your favourite carols. There will also be a range of last minute gifts available from the Art Gallery shop.

FREE Drop in & join in.



DIWALI

Sunday 30 October, 11am – 4pm

This Diwali we will be holding a fun art event. Make a Diwali lamp and take part in art activities that use different kinds of light.

FREE Drop in & join in.

FAMILY ARTS DAY

**Saturday 7 January,
11am – 4pm**

Start the New Year with art! Drop in for a day of activities. Get inspired by Colin Hitchmough's exhibition and create your own artworks to take home.

FREE Drop in & join in.



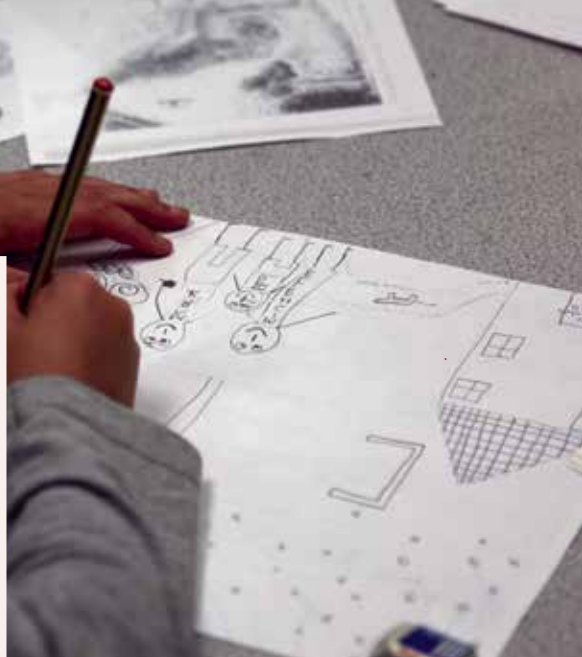


ART CLUB

Half hour sessions
starting at 11.30am, 2pm,
2.45pm & 3.30pm
Thursday 27 October

Make Frankenstein's hand come to life and use invisible ink to document your experiments. Create a Frankenstein mask to wear this Halloween.

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



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 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 & join in. Suitable for the whole family.

There will be no Art Cart Family Fun in December.



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.

Wednesday 2 November

Create a Bonfire Night picture to take home.

Wednesday 7 December

Decorate your own Christmas lantern, ready for the Leamington Lantern Parade.

Wednesday 4 January

Celebrate the New Year!

FREE Drop in & join in.



OUTSIZED ART

**Saturday 12 November,
11am – 4pm**

For one day only, to celebrate the Colin Hitchmough exhibition we'll be using a massive roll of cloth to make the longest artwork possible.

Help us create a huge Colin Hitchmough-inspired piece that will take over the exhibition for the day.

FREE Drop in & join in.





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.

USEFUL INFO

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 or Instagram on LeamSpaArtGallery.

Read regular posts about all the latest news and events.



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

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.



ONLINE COLLECTIONS

You can explore Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum's collections online. All 12,500 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 Haddie's Gallery.

SCHOOLS

NEW SCHOOL WORKSHOP PROGRAMME AUTUMN 2016!

We are offering a new schools programme for Autumn 2016, **Arts Award Discover in a Day** designed for pupils in KS2. This is a great opportunity to expand knowledge and understanding of the Arts in a fun and engaging way. Pupils will take part in a day of arts activities, exploring both the Art Gallery and the Museum.

Pupils will gain a nationally recognised qualification from Trinity College London in association with Arts Council England, with each child receiving a certificate when they pass.

What is included in Arts Award – Discover in a Day?

- Pre and post visit activity resources
- 60 minute self-led trail around the Museum
- 90 minute art workshop in the Art Gallery and Craft Studio
- Assessment of work by trained advisers
- Arts Award Discover certificates
- Links to the National Curriculum

TRINITY
COLLEGE LONDON



Choose one of the following art workshops:

PORTRAIT PRINTS

Pupils will explore portrait paintings from the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries, looking at how the face and expression have been depicted. They will develop their drawing skills and create their own **monoprints**.



EVERY PICTURE TELLS A STORY

Pupils will explore artwork spanning from the 17th century to the modern day, work in teams to create storyboards and props, and learn about the process of **stop motion animation** and develop the skills to create their own film to use back in the classroom.



Each workshop costs £5 per pupil

To find out more or to book please contact:

penelope.thomas@warwickdc.gov.uk or tel 01926 742700.

More information about Arts Award can be found at www.artsaward.org.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

ARMONICO CONSORT

Handel's Fireworks

Tuesday 6 December, 7.30pm

St Mary's Church, Warwick

Celebrating some of Handel's most majestic and triumphant music, the programme will include the Dettingen Te Deum, Zadock the Priest, and the Music for the Royal Fireworks.

Carols by Candlelight

Thursday 22 December, 7.30pm

St Mary's Church, Warwick

Join Armonico in stunning candlelit surroundings for a Christmas celebration that will lift your spirits.

For information and tickets please visit www.armonico.org.uk

MADE IN LEAMINGTON

Saturday 15 & Sunday

16 October, 11am – 5pm,

Leamington Spa Town Hall

FREE ENTRY

Discover some of the best local designers/makers and their work at the 6th 'Made in Leamington' exhibition. A vintage café will give the chance to relax as you take in a wide range of work from jewellery, ceramics & textiles to fine furniture. The show offers a great opportunity to add to collections or buy original gifts.

MADE IN LEAMINGTON
CONTEMPORARY DESIGN & CRAFT

WARWICKSHIRE YOUNG WRITERS

Calling all young writers! Are you interested in poems, stories, scripts, spoken word and having fun with words? Two young writer's groups (ages 12-16 and 16-20 years) will be meeting once a month with professional writers and are welcoming new members to join them. For more information or to register your interest please email leamingtonlibrary@warwickshire.gov.uk or tel 0300 555 8171 and ask for Leamington Library.

CONCERTS

INTERNATIONAL STRING QUARTET SERIES

Royal Pump Rooms – Fridays at 7.30pm



Leamington Music

Carducci Quartet

7 October

Mendelssohn,
Shostakovich, Beethoven

Van Kuijk Quartet (France)

4 November

Ravel, Poulenc, Debussy

Elias Quartet

25 November

Haydn, Britten, Beethoven

Royal Quartet (Poland)

27 January

Mozart, Philip Glass,
Gorecki, Mozart

Tickets £21 and £17 reserved central block
£13 sides unreserved, £1 Student Standby

Tickets on sale at Royal Leamington Spa Town Hall Box Office

Online www.royalspacentreandtownhall.co.uk

Telephone 01926 334418

Full season details on www.leamingtonmusic.org



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 minutes walk from Leamington Spa Railway Station. There are direct rail services from London Marylebone, Birmingham, Oxford and Coventry.

PARKING

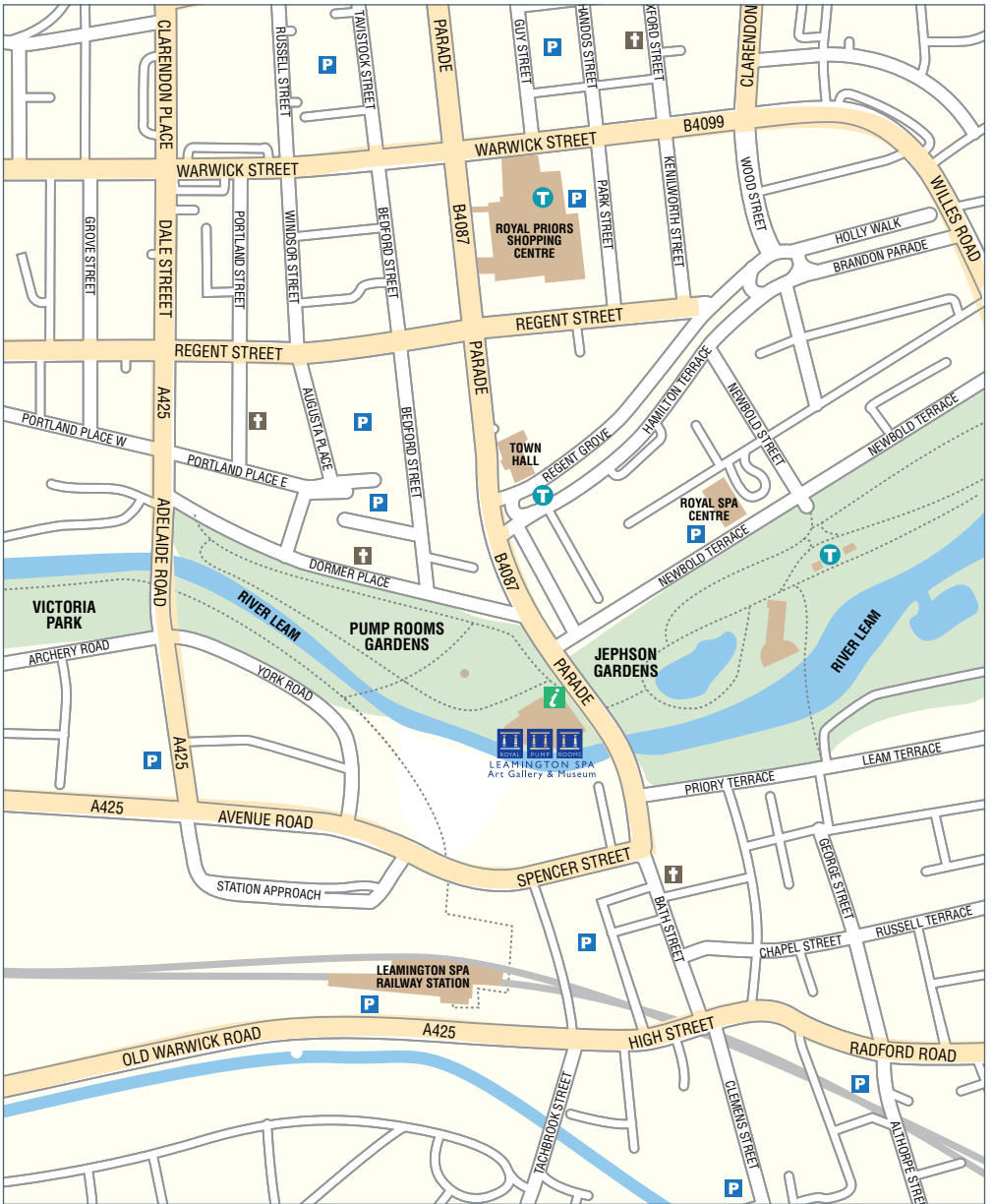
There is limited parking directly outside the Royal Pump Rooms. Parking is reserved for disabled visitors approximately 10 metres from the entrance. There is a drop off point for coaches on Newbold Terrace. St Peter's car park is within 10 minutes walking distance of the Royal Pump Rooms.



"The art gallery is superb...too good to be free!"

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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Art Gallery & Museum	01926 742700
Visitor Information Centre	01926 742762
Leamington Library	03005558171
Café & Assembly Rooms	01926 742751

Opening hours

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

ADMISSION FREE

