



LEAMINGTON SPA  
Art Gallery & Museum

## EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS

JANUARY - APRIL 2017



*Paddy Fields, Nagoya, hand-coloured  
glass lantern slide, courtesy of the  
Horniman Museum & Gardens*

# WELCOME

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



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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 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!

***“Consistently varied exhibitions and talks.”***

## 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 self-guided walks and guided tours in the summer months. In addition they can provide information on things to see and do, where to eat and shop, and offer an assortment of local themed gifts.



## 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 are 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

Visit 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! Look at our craft showcase to find out whose work is currently available.



Prints by Bronia Sawyer

# EXHIBITIONS

## JOURNEY THROUGH JAPAN

Touring exhibition on loan from the Horniman Museum & Gardens

**20 January - 2 April 2017**

Marjorie Bell (1890–1962) was born in Edinburgh and brought up in Australia. In 1903, she left her home on a sheep station at Shelford in Victoria to travel around Japan with her mother Hester and cousin Leslie.

During their two month journey through the country they took photographs and wrote a diary. This record of their visit will be displayed alongside items from Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum's own collection of Japanese objects, prints and ceramics.

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MUSEUM  
& GARDENS



*The children*, hand-coloured glass lantern slide, 1903

### UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

## THE OPEN 2017

**13 April - 25 June**

This biennial exhibition is open to all professional artists based in the West Midlands. Open exhibitions have been a popular feature at Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum since the 1930s and provide an opportunity to view and purchase a wide selection of works of art.



# EVENTS



## NATURAL BEADS WITH ELEANOR ALLITT

**Saturday 4 February,  
11am-4pm**

Create a collection of handmade beads for a unique necklace. Use versatile composite fibre to shape, paint and process your beads that recreate a long lost treasure effect. Bring along old beads you might like to include. **Suitable for all abilities.**



## GLAZED CERAMICS WITH SALLY LARKE

**Saturday 4 March, 11am-4pm**

Join ceramicist Sally Larke for a clay workshop, starting from the creative stimulus of Japanese ceramics. The workshop will develop skills throughout the day and each person will make several pieces of ceramic art. Some of these will be fired and glazed after the workshop and can then be collected from the Art Gallery & Museum. **Suitable for all abilities**

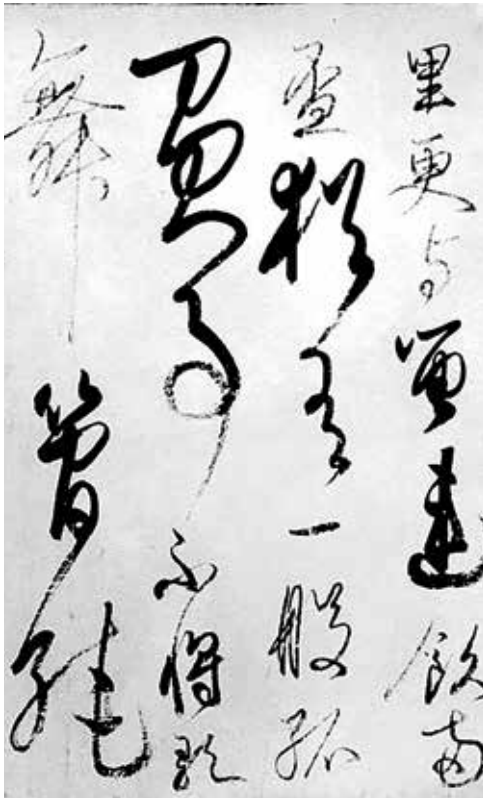
**Adult workshops are £20 per person. Non-refundable. Places are limited, please call 01926 742700 to book. Payment required to confirm booking.**

## CRAFT CLUB

**Sundays: 12 February, 12 March and 9 April, 2-4pm**

Everyone is welcome to join this monthly craft group, no experience is necessary. Join Action 21 skills-sharers 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.

**FREE** No need to book



## SHODO – JAPANESE CALLIGRAPHY WITH KIYOKO NAISH

**Saturday 18 March, 11am-12noon, 1-2pm, 2.30-3.30pm**

In this workshop you will explore some aspects of the Japanese writing system and try the ancient form of art, calligraphy. You will learn and write some Japanese symbols called 'KANJI', which were adopted from China nearly 2000 years ago. At the end of the workshop, you will have a bookmark with your name in KANJI.

Workshops are £7 per person. Places are limited, please call 01926 742700 to book. Payment is required to confirm booking. Suitable for children aged 8+ and adults. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



## ART CART EXTRA – THE BIG GARDEN BIRD WATCH

Saturday 28 January, 1-3pm

Join us for an afternoon of birdwatching with the RSPB, using telescopes and binoculars to spot the birds living nearby. Make a bird blow dart and watch it soar or create an apple feeder – delicious for your feathered friends back home!

Saturday 25 February

Design your own pocket monster using air drying clay.

Saturday 25 March

Japanese spring flowers.

**FREE** Drop in & join in. Suitable for the whole family.



# ACTIVITIES

## VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS

Saturday 11 February, 2-4pm

Create an origami heart card to give to someone you love.

**FREE** Drop in and join in.



## TAIKO DRUMMING WORKSHOP

Saturday 18 February, 2-2.45pm, 3-3.45pm & 4-4.45pm

Discover the amazing sound of Taiko, the big drums of Japan, in these hands on, family friendly workshops. Explore a hidden talent or discover a new passion for percussion with Taiko West's James Barrow.

**FREE** Places are limited. Please call 01926 742700 to book.  
Suitable for children aged 6+. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



## INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

Tuesday 21 February, 2-3pm

Learn some of the KANJI alphabet.

**FREE** Drop in and join in.  
Suitable for children aged 6+.





## ART CLUB

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

Thursday 23 February

Create a Japanese style dish based on the beautiful bronze example in our collections. Use decoupage techniques to create a container for your treasured possessions.

Thursday 13 April

Make an Easter-themed craft.

Thursday 20 April

Create a miniature Japanese garden with its own cherry blossom tree.

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



## MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

Sunday 26 March, 2-4pm

Learn how to make a paper crane – a lovely gift for Mother's Day!

**FREE** Drop in and join in. Suitable for children aged 7+.



## 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.





# BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK – BULLET TRAIN

Saturday 11 March, 11am-4pm

Find out about friction and speed with this hands-on science workshop. Create your own speedy bullet train by working out the best design and materials. Test your train on the bullet train test track: how fast will yours travel? Suitable for the whole family.

**FREE** Drop in and join in.



## EASTER WEEKEND

Friday 14 and Saturday  
15 April, 11am-4pm

Celebrate Easter with a family friendly weekend. Make a fluffy chick egg basket, visit the face painting station, follow the trail around the Art Gallery & Museum and the Library, and collect your chocolate prize. Suitable for the whole family.

**FREE** Drop in and join in.





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## 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.



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## 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

## TERRY FROST

When Frost died in 2003, he was working on a commission for a large scale sculpture for the new University Hospital of Coventry and Warwickshire, due to open in 2006. This commission did not come to fruition but the rights to the maquette were subsequently acquired by the Estate of Terry Frost and the Beaux Arts Gallery, which produced a number of small models.



Following the success of *Sir Terry Frost R.A. (1915-2003): A Leamington Lad* in 2015, the Friends of Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum (FLAG) have purchased the work on behalf of the Art Gallery & Museum and gifted it to us to commemorate their 50th Anniversary year in 2017.

This work will form part of a FLAG display with an accompanying audio trail for children to celebrate their anniversary year.



Terry Frost *Untitled*, 2003

Maquette for University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust, Painted steel



# USEFUL INFO

## 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)

## 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](http://www.windowsonwarwickshire.org.uk) You can also access the website from the computers in the galleries.

## 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 us at Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum on Facebook, follow us on Twitter @LeamSpaArtGall and follow us on Instagram at Leamspaartgallery.



Keep up to date with regular posts about all the latest news and events.

# SCHOOLS

## NEW SCHOOL WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Explore our new offer with Arts Award 'Discover in a Day' for pupils in KS2.

This is a great opportunity to enhance your pupils' Arts education in a fun and engaging way, and expand their knowledge and understanding of the Arts. 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 & Craft Studio
- Assessment of work by trained advisers
- Arts Award Discover certificates
- Links to the National Curriculum



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## **Choose one of the following art workshops:**

### **Portrait prints**

Pupils will explore artworks from the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries, which focus on portraits and expression. 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, learn about the process of stop motion animation, and develop the skills to create their own short film to watch back in the classroom.

**To find out more details  
or to book please contact  
[prooms@warwickdc.gov.uk](mailto:prooms@warwickdc.gov.uk)  
or phone 01926 742700.**

**More information about Arts Award  
can be found at [www.artsaward.org.uk](http://www.artsaward.org.uk)**



# ARTS DEVELOPMENT

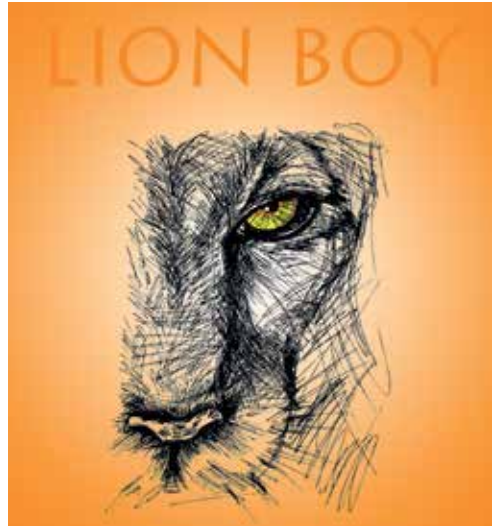
The Arts Development Service provides advice and support for artists and arts organisations who work and/or live within Warwick District. To find out more please email [mair.evans@warwickdc.gov.uk](mailto:mair.evans@warwickdc.gov.uk)

## MOTIONHOUSE – SCATTERED

**7.30pm Thursday 16 & Friday 17  
February, Warwick Hall, Warwick**

SCATTERED has been taking audiences by storm, with sell out shows & standing ovations in venues all round the world. SCATTERED combines Motionhouse's highly physical trademark style with digital imagery in an extraordinary interaction between film & live performance. Making work locally & performing it globally – this is a chance to see Motionhouse's acclaimed show SCATTERED close to home.

For further information visit [www.motionhouse.co.uk](http://www.motionhouse.co.uk). For tickets visit [www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk](http://www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk)



## PLAYBOX THEATRE – LION BOY

**Saturday 15 – Saturday 22 April,  
The Dream Factory, Warwick**

For Easter Playbox Theatre bring to the stage LION BOY based on Zizou Corder's fantasy novel. LION BOY tells the story of Charlie Ashanti – a boy who can speak to cats. When Charlie's parents are kidnapped he sets out on rescue mission with a little help from a floating circus and its pride of performing lions.

For further information & tickets visit [www.playboxtheatre.com](http://www.playboxtheatre.com)



# CONCERTS

## INTERNATIONAL STRING QUARTET SERIES

Royal Pump Rooms – Fridays at 7.30pm

### Royal Quartet

27 January | From Poland plays Mozart, Philip Glass, Gorecki and Mozart

### Stamic Quartet

24 February | From Czech Republic plays Haydn, Mucha and Dvorak

### Brodsky Quartet

24 March | Schubert, Webern, Zemlinsky and Schubert



Leamington Music

## LEAMINGTON MUSIC FESTIVAL WEEKEND

All concerts at Royal Pump Rooms

### Doric and Jubilee Quartets

28 April 7.30pm | Haydn, Mozart and Schubert

### Leonore Piano Trio

29 April 12.00pm | Haydn, Schubert, Howard Skempton and Lalo

### Warwickshire Music

#### Annual Concert

29 April 2.30pm

### Felicity Lott, Michael Collins and Michael McHale

29 April 7.30pm | Spohr, Britten, Weber, Schubert, Coward and Saint-Saens

### Raphael Wallfisch and John York

30 April 12pm | Schumann, Schubert and Franck

### Roderick Williams and Iain Burnside

30 April 7.30pm | Die schone Mullerin

### Kinsky Piano Trio

1 May 12.30pm | Haydn and Dvorak

### Roderick Williams and Ensemble 360

1 May 7.30pm | Skempton's The Rime of the Ancient Mariner

### Gildas Quartet and Jack McNeill

2 May 12pm | Haydn, Skempton, Schubert and Howells

### Dante Quartet and William Howard

2 May 7.30 | Beethoven, Schubert and Franck

To book online [www.royalpacentreandtownhall.co.uk](http://www.royalpacentreandtownhall.co.uk) or call 01926 334418  
Visit [www.leamingtonmusic.org](http://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 minute walk from Leamington Spa Railway Station. There are direct rail services from London Marylebone, Birmingham, Oxford and Coventry.

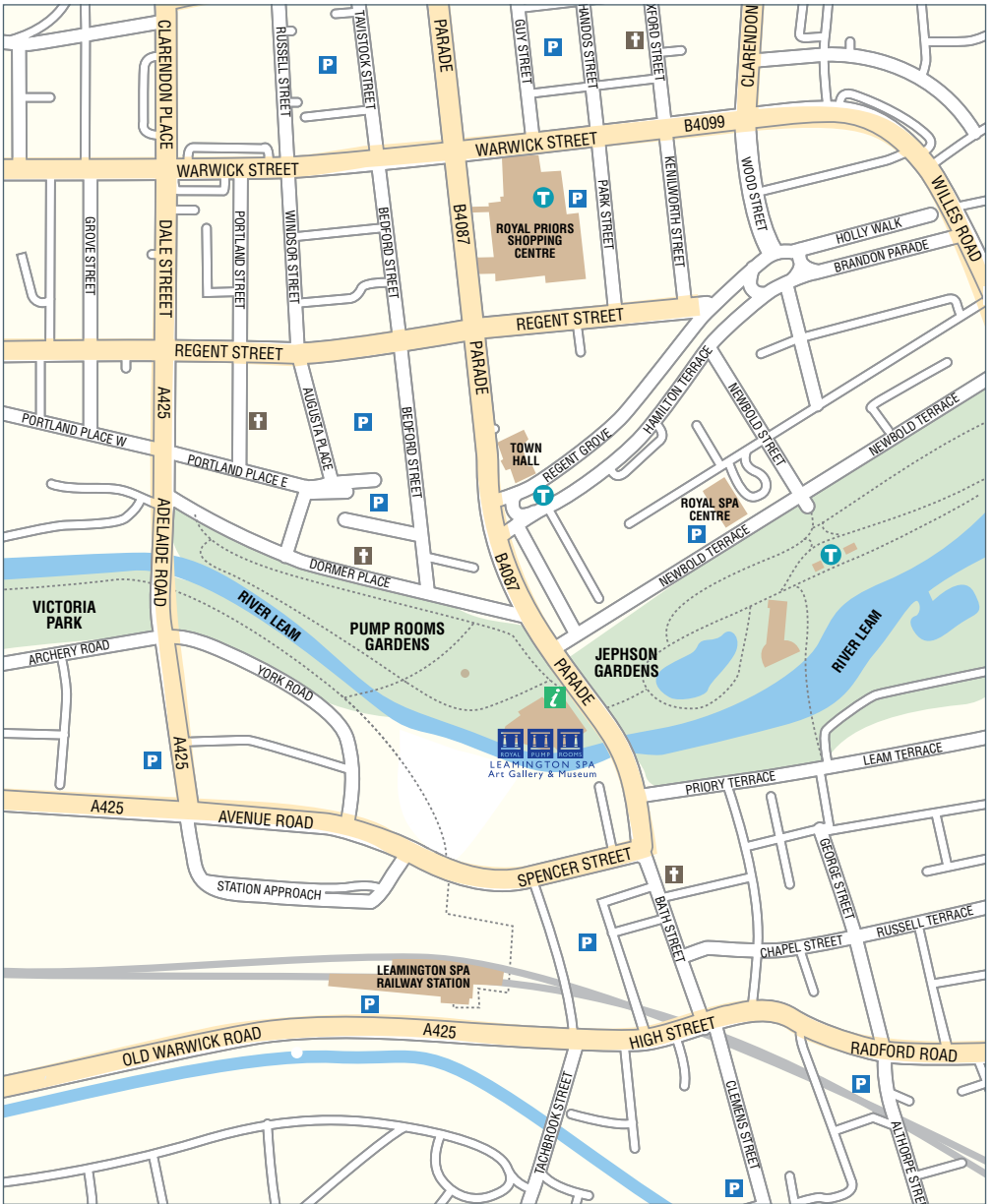


## PARKING

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 in walking distance from the Royal Pump Rooms.

## 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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Leamington Library

03005 558171

Café & Assembly Rooms

01926 742751

## Opening hours

Tue – Sat

10.45am – 5pm

Sun & Bank Hols

11am – 4pm

Mon

Closed

**ADMISSION FREE**

