



LEAMINGTON SPA
Art Gallery & Museum

EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS

APRIL – JUNE 2017

Kurt Hickson, *Stripes/Drips*, 2015, spraypaint on MDF



WELCOME AND GOODBYE



Since the Exhibitions & Events Guide for January to April 2017, there has been a bit of a revolution affecting Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum. From the outside it will seem much the same: programmes of exhibitions and events planned and delivered by enthusiastic staff in the galleries in the Royal Pump Rooms. But behind the scenes things have changed.

Warwick District Council has restructured its arts services to create a single, joint team operating all of its arts venues: the Art Gallery & Museum, Royal Spa Centre and the Town Hall, together with the Arts Development service. It has also transferred the management of the Visitor Information Centre in the Royal Pump Rooms to the new team, with the intention of increasing its opening hours and

encouraging more footfall into the building. Soon, it will also become the new home for the Royal Spa Centre Box Office currently at the Town Hall.

This has been carried out against a background of budget cuts across the public sector. Rather than reduce services, Warwick District Council has made the bold decision to continue to invest in its arts facilities, but with a stronger focus on programming and marketing to increase attendance and income generation.

The new team will be led by David Guilding (previously Manager of the Royal Spa Centre) as Arts Manager. My post as Heritage & Arts Manager has disappeared in the restructure, and after 30 very fulfilling years with the council I have taken the opportunity to retire.

Looking to the future, although there may be a bit of bedding-in time required for the new service, it will continue to provide a fabulous selection of arts opportunities for our district's residents and visitors – as you'll see from the future Exhibitions & Events Guides!

Jeff Watkin

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. These historic surroundings, house the very latest in computer and research technology.

CAFÉ

The café is a great venue for light 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

GALLERY SHOP

Drop into our shop and view a selection of greetings cards, postcards, books, and other gift items. We also offer a 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

**OPEN 2017
EXHIBITION**

THE OPEN 2017

14 April – 25 June 2017



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.

This year's exhibition will take place from Friday 14 April until Sunday 25 June and will showcase the work of local artists. Works submitted must have been completed after January 2016. Entries are welcome from a wide range of media including painting, sculpture, drawing, printmaking, photography, digital media and craft. Works will be selected by a panel of independent judges.



Neil Moore, *The Ineluctable Modality of the Visible*, oil paint, winner of the OPEN 2015

There will be one overall prize winner who will receive the OPEN 2017 award of £1000. Visitors to the exhibition will also be given the chance to vote for their favourite artwork. The work of art which receives the highest public votes will be presented with the People's Choice Award of £500. All exhibited works will be for sale.

UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

DRAWN FROM LIFE

7 July - 17 September 2017

Artists have been drawing the figure for centuries, from carefully composed life drawings to people caught unaware at leisure or work. This exhibition brings together some of the finest examples from the Arts Council Collection. The exhibition will include works by L.S Lowry, Peter Blake, Elisabeth Frink, Barbara Hepworth, Lucian Freud, David Hockney and many other significant artists.

EVENTS

PRIVATE VIEW

Thursday 13 April,

6pm – 7.30pm

(speeches at 6.30pm)

Join us for a preview of the OPEN 2017. Chair of the Council, Councillor Jane Knight will present the £1000 OPEN 2017 Award.

FREE No need to book.

FIONA METCALFE SCREEN PRINTING CUSHIONS

Saturday 6 May, 11am – 4pm

Use a selection of thermofax screens and stencils to design, print and create your own unique cushion. Explore colour and pattern, to make simple pictures on Khadi Indian paper before creating a cushion and a picture to take home. No experience necessary. Blank cushion provided. Come along, be creative and have fun!



JO GANE

PINHOLE PHOTOGRAPHY

Saturday 3 June, 11am – 4pm

Use recycled materials to construct a working pinhole camera. Use this camera to explore and photograph the surrounding landscape and architecture and experiment with traditional photography by processing your analogue negative images in a portable darkroom.



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

DR. ALICE EDEN

ENCHANTED ART

Saturday 14 June, 11am – 4pm

The artist Frederick Cayley Robinson wanted to create wonder in the everyday world. How do you experience magical charm in your everyday life? Do you see sparkle in leaves, raindrops or shadows? The session will be introduced by Dr. Alice Eden, an historian who has researched extensively on the artist. You will play, explore and capture some of these ideas whilst contributing to a collaborative, community artwork. You may combine drawing, collage and stitch to create a small enchanted artwork, helped by Coventry based artist Holly Dawes.



Frederick Cayley Robinson,
The Bridge, 1905, mixed media on panel

Suitable for beginners. Part of the Enchanted Community art project:
www.warwick.ac.uk/enchantedcommunity

All adult workshops are £20 per person. Non-refundable.

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CRAFT CLUB

Sunday 9 April, 14 May & 11 June, 1.30pm – 3.30pm *

Join Action 21's skill sharers to learn a new craft each month or bring something you are working on and enjoy the company of other craft enthusiasts. Everyone is welcome to join this monthly craft group, no experience is necessary and sewing machines and materials are available. Action 21 is a local volunteer-based charity that aims to reduce



the environmental impact of the Leamington and Warwick communities and raise awareness of the benefits of sustainable living.

*Please note the new time

FREE drop in and join in.





LGBT: HIDDEN HISTORIES

In celebration of LGBT history month in February 2017, and to mark the 50th anniversary of the decriminalisation of homosexuality, Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum have been working with local LGBT groups and individuals to uncover the hidden LGBT history of Leamington Spa. Through exploring histories and records, collecting items relating to LGBT communities, and sharing memories and experiences, we have begun to piece together this previously untold part of local history.

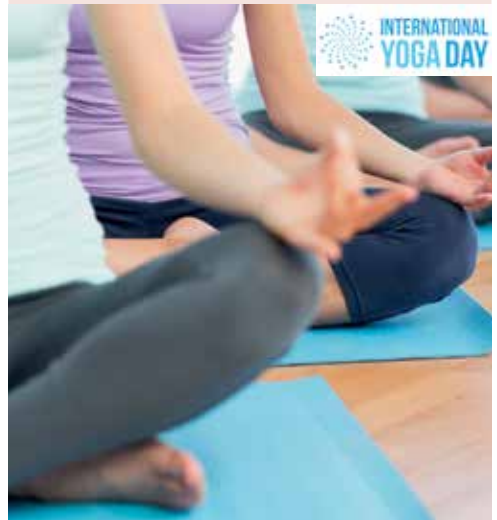
An exhibition and short film by filmmaker Chris Bradley, of what we've discovered so far will be displayed in our museum. We hope this display will inspire more stories to be told through memories and objects so we can continue to collect and provide a platform for the previously unheard voices of LGBT Leamington.

YOGA IN THE GALLERY!

**Wednesday 21 June,
8.30pm – 10pm**

Celebrate International Yoga Day on the longest day of the year in this after hours Yoga session inspired by the Summer Solstice. Join Yogaworks instructor Belinda for a gentle and accessible yoga class within the calming, reflective space of the Art Gallery. Suitable for all ages and abilities, Belinda offers a playful and exploratory practice where you are encouraged to go at your own pace – perfect for beginners or the more experienced yogis.

£4 per person. Places are limited, please call 01926 742700 to book. Payment is required to confirm booking.



ACTIVITIES



MINI OPEN

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Calling all young artists!

This year we are excited to be running the Mini OPEN for young people aged between 7 – 15. Find inspiration from the artists, artworks and objects on display in Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum and show us your creative skills! All art forms are welcome from filmmakers to painters – however you like to express yourself. Winners will receive a Waterstones gift voucher and have their work displayed in the Mini OPEN Exhibition in the Art Gallery.



We will also be delivering events for you to create your artwork - have a look through the What's On guide to find out more! For more information on how to apply contact the gallery desk on 01926 742700 or email Imogen.Frost@warwickdc.gov.uk

ART CART EXTRA:

MINI OPEN

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Saturday 29 April, 1pm – 3pm

Pick up a lucky dip goodie bag and use the materials inside to recreate a picture or object from the Art Gallery & Museum. **Choose if you would like to submit your artwork to the 'Mini OPEN' art competition for a chance to have an exhibition and to win a Waterstones gift card.**



ART CART WITH DR. ALICE EDEN

Saturday 28 May, 1pm – 3pm

Create a magical charm or letter to the fairies and contribute to a shared artwork for the *Enchanted Community* art project. Use glitter, card, paper and collage to make your mystical item. More information at: www.warwick.ac.uk/enchantedcommunity

Saturday 24 June, 1pm – 3pm

Make creepy crawlies for Insect Week!

FREE drop in & join in.

Suitable for the whole family.

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 3 May



Celebrate the ocean, its importance in our lives, and how we can protect it by making a sea creature friend to take home.

Wednesday 7 June

Beltane Celtic Festival of Fire

FREE

drop in and join in.

LIVE SIMPLY FAYRE

Sunday 7 May, 2pm – 4pm

Upcycle craft activity

Join us in the gallery during the Live Simply Fayre where we will be recycling everyday items... and turning them into racing cars!

FREE

drop in & join in.



for LIVE SIMPLY FAYRE



ART CLUB EXTRA

Thursday 1 June,
11am – 12.30pm

MINI OPEN

Create Victorian-themed illustrations and designs inspired by our collection of Victorian portrait photographs. Have a go at mono printing your designs onto tote bags. Choose if you would like to submit your artwork to the 'Mini OPEN' art competition for a chance to have an exhibition and to win a Waterstones gift card.

FREE Drop in & join in.

Suitable for children aged 12-15.



Half an hour sessions starting at 2pm, 2.45pm & 3.30pm

Show off your drawing skills in this still life Mini OPEN Art Club special. Find out about and draw objects from the museum collection which are usually stored behind the scenes and draw your favourite.

FREE Suitable for children up to 12.

Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

FATHER'S DAY - DAD SOCKS

Sunday 18 June,
1pm – 3pm

Make your father's day gift stand out from the crowd by making some personalised socks for your Dad!

FREE Drop in and 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.

EVENTS

FLAG'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY AUDIO GUIDE

Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum were successful in receiving support and hardware to develop bespoke audio guides provided by West Midlands Museum Development (WMMD). This support has allowed us to create an interactive, cuddly audio guide for families and children. Boss Cat (a one eyed cat who lived in the Royal Pump Rooms many years ago), is on the search to find the missing painting, which has been moved by some mischievous mice!

There will be lots of clues and activities along the way and fun for all the family!



Harold C. Harvey, *The Young Menage*, 1932, oil on canvas

CAN YOU HELP BOSS CAT TO FIND THE MISSING PAINTING?

This audio tour has been designed to commemorate Friends of Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum 50th Anniversary, we will celebrate by creating a display throughout the Art Gallery & Museum showcasing 10 items from both the fine art and social history collections. This display will include the Terry Frost sculpture

which FLAG kindly purchased on our behalf to mark their

Anniversary. It will also include the newly restored Aylesford

Well basin which FLAG recently paid for its conservation

and is currently on display in the museum. These

items will sit alongside others which FLAG have

either acquired, contributed towards LSAG&M

acquiring or have paid for their conservation.



USEFUL INFO

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 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.

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.



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

SCHOOLS

SCHOOL WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Explore our Arts Award 'Discover in a Day' programme 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





Class 3 at St Luke's School Leamington c. 1890



These young ladies were at school together c. 1910



Leamington College
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Year 5 at Cubbin
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© Lee Allen

Choose one of the following art workshops:

EVERY PICTURE TELLS A STORY

Pupils will explore artwork spanning from 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.

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.

To find out more details or to book please contact prooms@warwickdc.gov.uk or phone 01926 742700.



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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 and/or live within Warwick District. To find out more please email mair.evans@warwickdc.gov.uk



INTERNATIONAL JAZZ DAY EVENT

Monday 1 May at 7.30pm, The Restaurant In The Park, Jephson Gardens, Leamington Spa

In The Moment presents acclaimed jazz singer Norma Winstone in concert with Interplay. Norma's awards include BBC Jazz Awards Best Vocalist, Parliamentary Jazz Award for Best Vocalist, and an MBE in recognition of services to British Jazz.

For information & tickets visit www.wegotickets.com/event/391966

HEARTBREAK PRODUCTIONS – SUMMER OPEN AIR SEASON

Bring your picnics, blankets, fold-up chairs and sense of fun to Heartbreak's open air summer productions of Northanger Abbey, Taming of the Shrew, The Secret Garden, Murder on the Terrace & David Walliams' Billionaire Boy.

For information & tickets visit www.heartbreakproductions.co.uk



WARWICKSHIRE OPEN STUDIOS

Saturday 17 June – Sunday 2 July, free events

Visit 200+ artists' homes and workspaces across Warwickshire & discover excellent art on your doorstep. For information visit www.warwickshireopenstudios.org

CONCERTS



Leamington Music

LEAMINGTON MUSIC FESTIVAL WEEKEND

All concerts at Royal Pump Rooms

Friday 28 April

7.30pm Doric and Jubilee Quartets
play Haydn, Mozart and Schubert

Saturday 29 April

12noon Leonore Piano Trio
plays Haydn, Schubert, Howard
Skempton and Lalo

2.30pm Warwickshire Music
Annual Concert

7.30pm Felicity Lott, Michael
Collins and Michael McHale
perform Spohr, Britten, Weber,
Schubert, Coward and Saint-Saens

Sunday 30 April

12noon Raphael Wallfisch and
John York play Schumann,
Schubert and Franck

7.30pm Roderick Williams and Iain
Burnside perform schöne Müllerin

Monday 1 May

12.30pm Kinsky Piano Trio
plays Haydn, Schubert and Dvorak

7.30pm Roderick Williams and
Ensemble 360 perform Skempton's
The Rime of the Ancient Mariner

Tuesday 2 May

12noon Gildas Quartet and Jack
McNeill play Haydn, Skempton,
Schubert and Howells

7.30pm Dante Quartet and William
Howard play Beethoven, Schubert
and Franck

To book online visit
www.royalspacentreandtownhall.co.uk
or call 01926 334418.
www.leamingtonmusic.org

Ensemble 360



HOW TO FIND US

“The art gallery is superb. The history of the building and surrounding area was so interesting. Well worth a visit.”



Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum is in the Royal Pump Rooms, on 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.

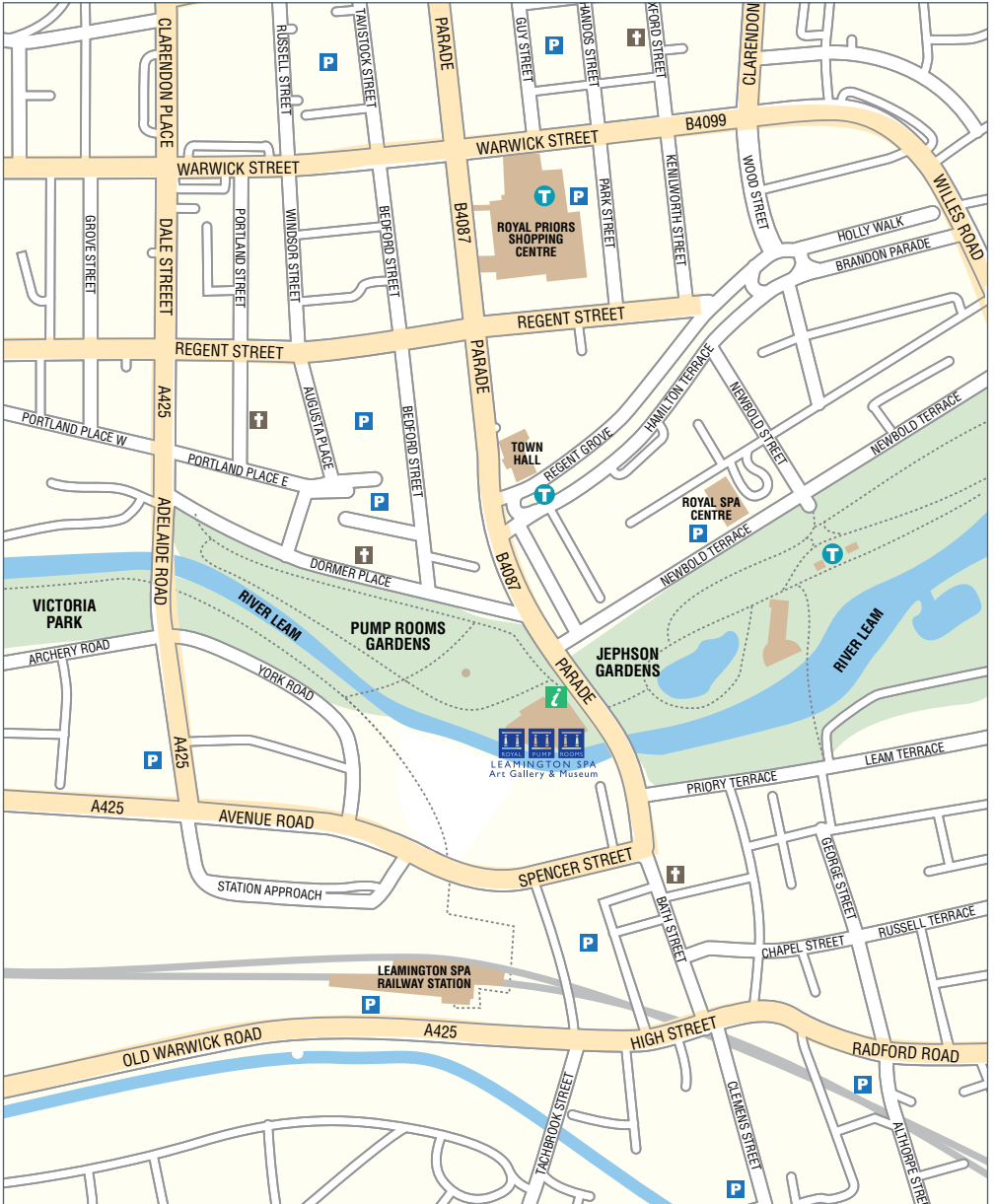
PARKING

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

Tues – Sat

10.45am – 5pm

Sun & Bank Hols

11am – 4pm

Mon

Closed

ADMISSION FREE

