



LEAMINGTON SPA
Art Gallery & Museum



EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS

JULY – SEPTEMBER 2017

Lucian Freud, *Drawing of a Girl, Alice*, 1974. Arts Council Collection, Southbank Centre, London © the artist

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WELCOME

What a brilliant summer it's going to be at Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum! There are so many new and exciting activities for you to get involved with...



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You won't want to miss our next exhibition, *Drawn from Life: People On Paper*, which includes fifty drawings of the human figure, spanning a period of nearly 100 years. A fantastic opportunity for you to view some of the finest drawings in the Arts Council Collection, with work on display from Henry Moore, Barbara Hepworth, L S Lowry and David Hockney. As always, the exhibition will be supported by a complimentary programme of excellent workshops. There are plenty of other reasons to visit this summer! Why not drop in and watch our new animation which tells the story of the Aylesford Well and discover the important part water played in the history of Leamington Spa.

You definitely have to try our new interactive audio guides for families and children. Come and help Boss Cat find the missing painting!

As if that wasn't enough – you also have the opportunity to a peek behind the scenes of the iconic Royal Pump Rooms by joining one of the free tours running over the Heritage Open Days weekend.

Lots of fantastic activities and events for you and your family to join in with!

We look forward to welcoming you soon.
Best wishes
David Guilding,
Arts Manager

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 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. 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



Arts Council
Collection

DRAWN FROM LIFE: PEOPLE ON PAPER

AN ARTS COUNCIL COLLECTION
TOURING EXHIBITION

7 July – 17 September 2017

Artists have been drawing the human 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.

This exhibition includes works by LS Lowry, Peter Blake, Elisabeth Frink, Barbara Hepworth, Lucian



Barbara Hepworth, *Drawing*, 1947.
Arts Council Collection, Southbank Centre,
London © Bowness, Hepworth Estate

UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

ALDERMAN ALFRED HOLT (1858 – 1943)

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA'S 'MOST GENEROUS AND
PUBLIC-SPIRITED RESIDENT'

29 September 2017 – 7 January 2018

Alfred Holt was a leading figure in Leamington Spa from around 1900 to 1940. He helped found Leamington Cricket Club, supported improvements to Jephson Gardens and the Warneford Hospital, and effectively founded Leamington Art Gallery. The role of this 'public-spirited resident' is presented through paintings, photographs and local history objects.

FRIDAY FOCUS EXTRA

Friday 7 July,
1pm – 2pm

Join us for an introductory talk to the *Drawn from Life* exhibition with Ann Jones, Curator, Arts Council Collection.

FREE

No need to book.

SPOTLIGHT

PAMELA SCHILDERMAN

Spotlight is a temporary display space in the main Art Gallery. While *Drawn from Life* is on display in the exhibition gallery, Spotlight will showcase the work of artist Pamela Schilderman. Schilderman's project challenges the traditional self portrait by using forensic identifiers: a thumbprint, hair, teeth, retina and DNA, in order to present an alternative visual perspective of the self through the lens of criminological science.



FRIDAY FOCUS

Friday 8 September, 1pm

Pamela will discuss her work and question 'what is portraiture?'

FREE

No need to book.

EVENTS



FLOWER DRAWING WORKSHOP WITH MARY RILEY

Saturday 22 July, 11am – 4pm

Come and join us for a one-off drawing workshop and capture the changing beauty in flowers. We will be working with a range of drawing materials including charcoal, pencil and dry pigments.

LIFE DRAWING WORKSHOP WITH NEIL MOORE

Saturday 12 August, 11am – 4pm

Enjoy a day's life drawing under the expert guidance of the figurative artist and teacher Neil Moore. Everything you will need is provided. The studio will be warm enough for a naked model so please dress accordingly.

neilmoore.co.uk



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

VICTORIANA WORKSHOP WITH PAMELA SCHILDERMAN

**Saturday 16 September,
11am – 4pm**

Using memento mori as inspiration, participants will be shown how to make brooches from artificial hair. Two templates will be provided as visual aids and Pamela Schilderman will give a demonstration. Participants will be able to take away their handmade brooches at the end of the day.

CRAFT CLUB

**Sunday 9 July, 13 August and
10 September, 1.30 – 3.30pm***

Join Action 21 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 to the Leamington and Warwick communities and raise awareness of the benefits of sustainable living.
*Please note the new time.

FREE No need to book



WARWICKSHIRE PRIDE LGBTQ+ HIDDEN HISTORIES

To mark the 50th anniversary of the decriminalisation of homosexuality, Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum have been working with local LGBTQ+ groups and individuals to uncover the hidden LGBTQ+ history of Leamington Spa. Through exploring histories and records, collecting items and sharing memories and experiences, we have begun to piece together this previously untold part of local history. A short film by filmmaker Chris Bradley of Willowmann Productions will accompany a display in the museum



which will run throughout the summer and coincide with the Warwickshire Pride Festival on Saturday 19 August.

We hope it 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 LGBTQ+ Leamington.



Henry Scott Tuke, *The Critics*, 1927, Oil on board. Currently on loan to Tate Britain for their exhibition *Queer British Art* which runs until 1 October.



heritage open days

Thursday 7 – Sunday 10 September

Heritage Open Days is England's largest festival of history and culture, bringing together over 2,500 organisations, 5,000 events and 40,000 volunteers. Every year for four days in September, places across the country throw open their doors to celebrate their heritage, community and history. It's your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences – and it's all FREE.

We will be giving free Royal Pump Rooms tours. Places are limited, please call 01926 742700 for more details and to book.



LEAMINGTON FOOD AND DRINK FESTIVAL, Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 September

Join us at the festival and
taste the Spa Water.

Royal
Leamington
Spa

FOOD & DRINK FESTIVAL

www.leamingtonfoodfestival.co.uk

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 & 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 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.



SUMMER ART CLUBS

Thursday 27 July, 3,
10 & 17 August

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

Each Art Club will focus on a different
artist from *Drawn from Life* exhibition.
Suitable for children up to 12 years.

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



HOW I SEE

Thursday 24 August

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

Children's workshop exploring portraiture
Using stained glass as inspiration,
children will create portraits of family,
friends or of themselves. Suitable
for children up to 12 years.

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

ALL ABOUT ME

Thursday 31 August

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

Family friendly workshop exploring
identity Using Caricature/Surrealism
as inspiration, children will focus on
features they feel important to them.
Suitable for children up to 12 years.

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





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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.

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.



EVENTS



CAN YOU HELP BOSS CAT TO FIND THE MISSING PAINTING?

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 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.



FLAG'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY AUDIO GUIDE

This audio tour has been designed to commemorate the Friends of Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum 50th Anniversary. The display through the Art Gallery & Museum showcases 10 items from the fine art and social history collections, which FLAG have purchased, part funded or helped care for. Included is the Terry Frost sculpture which FLAG kindly purchased and donated to mark their anniversary. FLAG have also recently paid for the conservation of the Aylesford Well basin, which is on display in the museum and is the subject of a new animation made by Chris Bradley with staff from Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum and pupils from St. Peter's Catholic Primary School.



Terry Frost, *Untitled*, 2003
© Estate of Terry Frost

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 and Museum on Facebook and

follow us on Twitter @LeamSpaArtGall or Instagram at 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



SPLAT CHILDREN'S ARTS FESTIVAL

Saturday 15 July, Jephson Gardens, Leamington Spa, 11am – 4pm

SPLAT is a FREE family friendly festival taking place in Jephson Gardens on Saturday 15 July (11am – 4pm). The event has been planned by children for children so there will be something for everyone – a great day out is guaranteed! The Festival will include performances by the children (working with dynamic local Physical Theatre Company Highly Sprung), a Festival Gallery of children's artwork (made with the help of visiting visual artists), professional performances programmed by the

children including The Fabularium, Pif Paf Theatre and Live & Local Artists, food and drink, games, a bouncy castle, face painting and much more! Warwick Arts Centre, in partnership with Warwick District Council's Arts Development Service have been working with five Leamington Primary Schools to programme and run the SPLAT Festival as part of a three year project. For more information please visit www.warwickartscentre.co.uk/education/education-projects/arts-active-network

FREE FRIDAY FOCUS TALKS

Learn something new on your lunch break. Friday Focus lunchtime talks take place in the Art Gallery and cover a wide range of topics. Come and discover some of the fascinating facts and stories behind our exhibits. The talks are informal, start at 1pm and last about 25 minutes. We also occasionally offer more in-depth talks, titled Friday Focus Extra. These events last around one hour.

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



ART IN THE PARK FESTIVAL

**Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 August,
Jephson Gardens,
Leamington Spa, 10am – 6pm**

Come and enjoy a free festival weekend filled with Art, Fun, Circus themed activities and Creativity. This year's Festival has over 150 exhibiting artists & demonstrations, live theatre, music, dance, delicious local food and drink, a Pop up bakery and Gin & Rum Palace. Also join Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum for elephant crafts in the park! For more information visit www.artinpark.co.uk

KENILWORTH ARTS FESTIVAL

**Sunday 17 – Saturday
23 September**

With a diverse programme that includes headline events, showcases of outstanding local talent and a free, outdoor Fiesta in the beautiful Abbey Fields, Kenilworth Arts Festival offers people of all ages the chance to engage with the creative arts. The 2017 line up includes internationally best-selling author Kit de Waal, multi-award winning pianist Gwilym Simcock and highly respected singer-songwriter John Smith, along with a host of critically acclaimed musicians, writers and theatre groups. For more information and tickets please visit www.kenilworthartsfestival.co.uk



CALLING ALL WRITERS AGED 16 - 25 YEARS!

In the run up to the Kenilworth Arts Festival, all are welcome at a series of writing workshops leading to a performance at the Festival in September and hopefully to a Festival anthology of work written by the group. Linking with the Festival theme of migrations, the workshops' theme will be 'Creative Journeys'. Workshops will take place at Kenilworth Library. Please contact stellathebridge@warwickshire.gov.uk for further information and workshop dates.

CONCERTS

INVESTEC INTERNATIONAL STRING QUARTET SEASON

Concerts at 7 30 in the Royal Pump Rooms

Friday 6 October

Navarra Quartet

Haydn, Shostakovich, Schubert

Thursday 16 November

Takacs Quartet (USA)

Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms

Thursday 30 November

Kodaly Quartet (Hungary)

Haydn, Dohnanyi, Schumann

Friday 26 January

Atrium Quartet (Russia)

Haydn, Shostakovich, Tchaikovsky

Friday 16 February

Arcadia Quartet (Romania)

Haydn, Bartok, Beethoven

Friday 9 March

London Haydn Quartet

Vranitsky, Haydn, Haydn


Leamington Music



Book at the Visitor Information Centre,
Royal Pump Rooms
Online
www.royalspacentreandtownhall.co.uk
Telephone 01926 334418
Individual tickets cost £21 and £17
reserved central block,
£13 unreserved at the sides; £1
students standby
Subscribe to the whole series and save
up to £24



HOW TO FIND US

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



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.

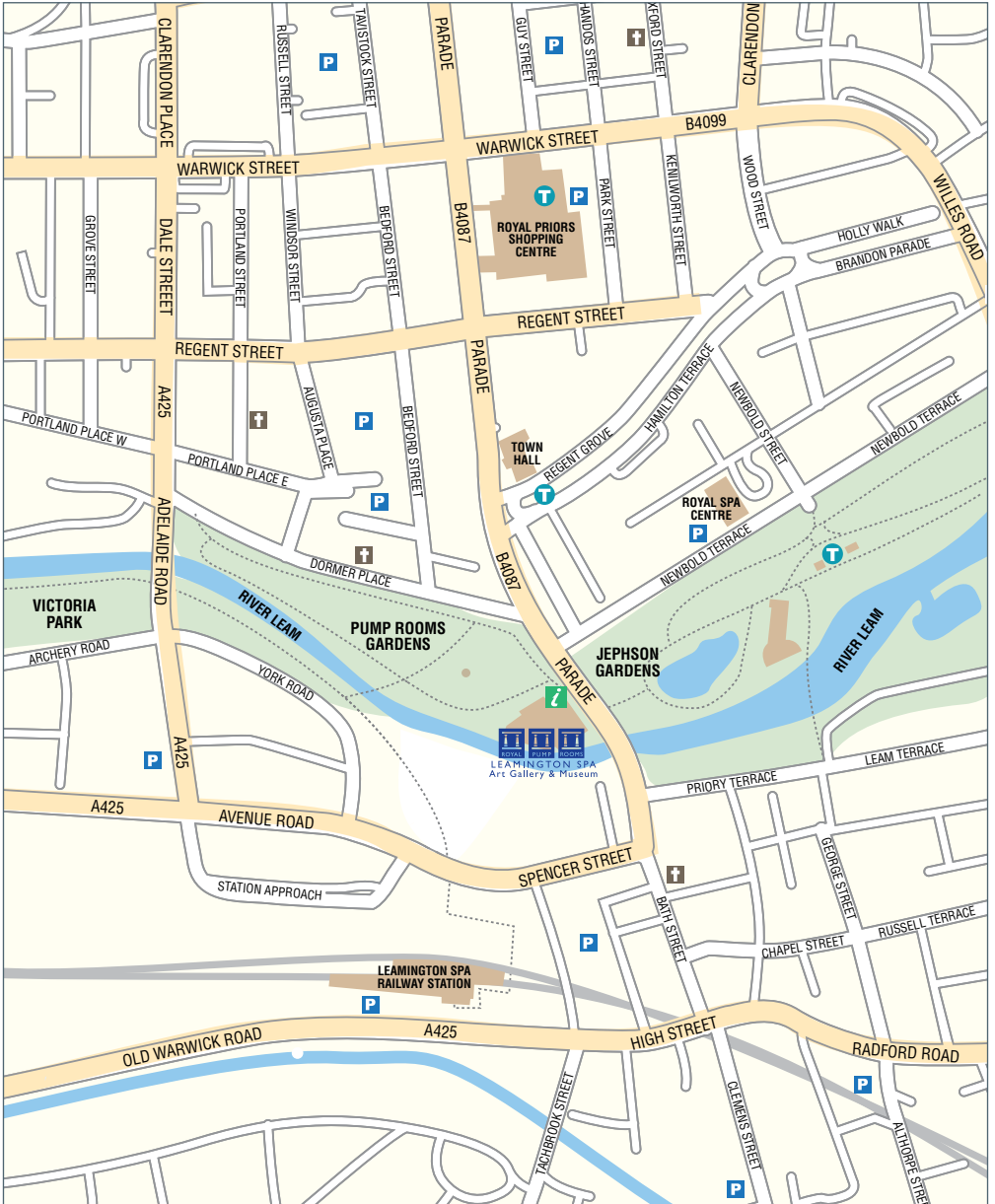
PARKING

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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Visitor Information Centre	01926 742762
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

