

A festival of heritage & culture 21 June – 06 July 2014

LEAMINGTON LOOKS BACK



THINGS TO
SEE AND DO



CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF
LEAMINGTON'S HISTORY

“A First Class Watering Place”



Royal Baths and Pump Room, 1822

200 Years of the Royal Pump Rooms
3 May – 25 August 2014

Opening Times
Tuesday to Saturday 10.30am – 5pm
Sunday 11am – 4pm
Monday closed (except Bank Holidays)
Admission Free

Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum
Royal Pump Rooms, The Parade
Royal Leamington Spa, CV32 4AA
Tel: 01926 742700
www.warwickdc.gov.uk/royalpumprooms



WELCOME TO OUR FESTIVAL

Welcome once again to Leamington Looks Back, our third festival of heritage and culture. We've assembled a great line up of mainly free events for you. We are proud to be running three major events in partnership with Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum, to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the opening of the Pump Rooms: A Regency Ball, Victorian Sunday and a World War One Day, as well as many other events and activities throughout the sixteen days.

Please come along to commemorate, celebrate and enjoy Leamington's varied history and culture.



Anne Warren and Jenny St John

Heritage Matters



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A foreword by

COUNCILLOR JOHN KNIGHT

*Mayor Elect 2014/15
Royal Leamington Spa*



“I am very pleased to lend my support to Leamington Looks Back 2014. Having lived in or near Leamington for more than 40 years, I have become more and more impressed by, and familiar with, its rich cultural, scientific, industrial and sporting history, and the important part the town has played in both Warwickshire and National affairs. Many local voluntary organisations, through their researches, have done much to bring this history to life. There are few towns in the country of comparable size, that can boast such a wide range of clubs and societies that enrich the lives of local people.

Two significant upcoming landmarks are the Bicentenary of the opening of the Pump Rooms and the Centenary of the start of World War One. Heritage Matters will be organising exciting events to commemorate these two anniversaries, in addition to contributions once again from a wide range of voluntary groups, organisations and individuals showcasing the town’s heritage. Festival themes this year focus on the 200 years in 50 year sections i.e. Regency; Victorian; World War One; 1960s. There will be around forty, mainly free, events including walks, talks, live performances, workshops, exhibitions, family events, etc.

Today, Royal Leamington Spa is a fashionable and elegant town, popular with tourists, with celebrated examples of Regency and Victorian architecture, and beautiful open spaces. But there are many parts of the town that the tourist rarely sees. The Old Town, south of the river contains much of architectural and industrial archaeological interest. The railways and the canal have played a vital part in the town’s development.

I urge as many of you as possible to join in the celebrations. Leamington Looks Back 2014 promises to be an exciting venture. It is good to be reminded of our history. Royal Leamington Spa Town Council is pleased to support the occasion, which will remind us that the town is a good place in which to work, play and live.”





200 YEARS OF THE ROYAL PUMP ROOMS

A FIRST CLASS WATERING PLACE
3 May – 25 August

FREE EXHIBITION
LEAMINGTON SPA ART GALLERY & MUSEUM,
LEAMINGTON, CV32 4AA



Celebrate the bicentenary of the Royal Pump Rooms at the A First Class Watering Place exhibition. The exhibition will explore the whole 200 year history of this landmark building, with a focus on the years 1814, 1864, 1914 and 1964. Find out about the people who built the Royal Pump Rooms and the major redevelopments that were made in the 1860s. Discover the role the building had during the First World War, and the impact the introduction of the NHS had on the services that were provided here.

The Royal Pump Rooms opened in summer 1814; it was the first and only bath house to be built in the fashionable area of the town north of the river Leam. From then until the 1990s spa and medical treatments were provided in the building. The Royal Pump Rooms also functioned as a centre for entertainments in the town.

REGENCY RETICULES ADULT WORKSHOP

Saturday 7 June , 11am - 4pm

COST: £15

To book phone:
01926 742700

LEAMINGTON SPA ART GALLERY & MUSEUM, LEAMINGTON, CV32 4AA



Learn about and create your very own Regency reticule bag with Denise Stanton. Places are limited. Payment required to confirm booking. Non-refundable. NB If you are attending the Regency Ball on Friday 27 June, this is a workshop you might be interested in, to produce your own fashion accessory for the ball.



AS PART OF THE CELEBRATIONS OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF THE PUMP ROOMS, LEAMINGTON MUSIC PRESENTS THE FOLLOWING CONCERTS:

KINSKY PIANO TRIO OF PRAGUE

Friday 30 May, 7.30pm

COST: £12, £15 AND £18

Tickets available from the Visitors Information Centre at the Royal Pump Rooms or call 01926 776438 or online: www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk
ROYAL PUMP ROOMS, LEAMINGTON, CV32 4AA



Hummel Piano Trio Op 65
Fibich Piano Trio Op posth
Martinu Piano Trio No 2
Dvorak Piano Trio in Bb Op 21

This young trio play in Leamington for the first time with an all Czech programme, continuing the tradition of promoting Czech music in the Assembly Hall, where Vilem Tausky used to rehearse the Czech Free Army Choir in the early 1940's.

EDWARD DUSINBERRE & CHARLES OWEN

Sunday 1 June, 4pm

COST: £12, £15 AND £18

Tickets available from the Visitors Information Centre at the Royal Pump Rooms or call 01926 776438 or online: www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk
ROYAL PUMP ROOMS, LEAMINGTON, CV32 4AA



Brahms Violin Sonata No 1 in G Op 78
Bach Chaconne
Mendelssohn Variations Serieuses Op 54
Beethoven Violin Sonata in C minor Op 30 No 2

Edward Dussinberre returns to Leamington where he was born and brought up to give a recital that will raise funds for a bursary to help young local musicians. He himself was helped at a crucial time in his career to go to the Juilliard School, where he landed the position of leader of the world famous Takacs String Quartet. The good news is that the Takacs Quartet will perform in Leamington in November.



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LILLINGTON HISTORY DISPLAYS

Saturday 21 June, 10am - 12pm

FREE DISPLAY

THE OCTAGON, ST MARY MAGDALEN PARISH CHURCH, VICARAGE RD, LILLINGTON, CV32 7RH

Lillington Local History Society hosts a Coffee Morning, Displays and the opportunity to exchange details of local history. Refreshments available.



FROM INDUSTRY TO COMMUNITY

Saturday 21 June and Sunday 6 July 11am & 3pm

FREE GUIDED WALKS SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES.

PRINCES DRIVE, LEAMINGTON, CV31 3PH

Foundry Wood is a Community Woodland in the heart of Leamington and Warwick on part of the old Ford Foundry site off Princes Drive. You will learn about the work that has taken place as well as the history of the site and its links with the Ford Foundry and the railways. The distance covered is less than 1/2 mile. NB Access may be difficult for those with mobility restrictions. Please contact us for details to check: kristie@arccic.co.uk; 07906 262 364.

Foundry Wood project-managed by local community group ARC CIC (Achieving Results in Communities Community Interest Company) in partnership with the Friends of Foundry Wood.

www.foundrywood.co.uk
Twitter: @foundrywood



WORLD WAR ONE DAY

WORLD WAR ONE POETRY ADULT WORKSHOP

11am - 1pm

COST £8

(£4 for over 60's and free for people on certain benefits). Places limited.

To book, please phone: 01926 742124 or 01788 552933

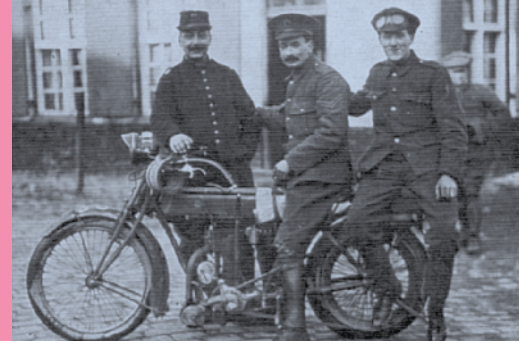
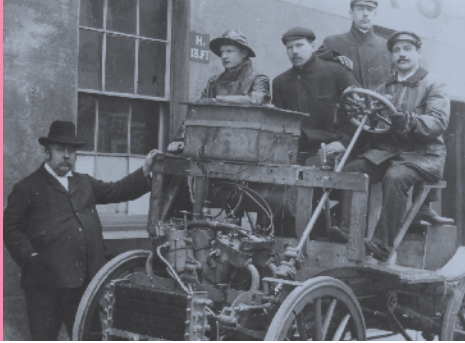
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The workshop will be run by Warwickshire's Adult & Community Learning team will cover:

- The background to poetry and war
- The importance, impact and influence of World War One poetry -which was unique, as it is estimated 1.5 million poems were written by soldiers!
- Telling the history of the war through the poetry
- Information on well-known, and some less well known, poets and their poems
- Pictures/film of some of the places featured
- Poems from the 'Home Front' and also one from a German poet



Warwickshire Soldier, Raymond Reynolds.



WORLD WAR ONE DAY

Saturday 21 June, 12pm - 4pm

FREE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

PUMP ROOM GARDENS,
LEAMINGTON, CV32 4AA

Discover more about World War One, which began 100 years ago, during this day of activities and events, including re-enactors, in the Pump Room Gardens and the Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum.

- Living Military History, World War One re-enactors will be in the Pump Room Gardens from 12pm to 4pm.
- Meet soldiers and nurses in their tents and find out how wounded soldiers were treated at the Front.
- Try on uniforms and make a medal or cap badge with the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers Museum volunteers
- Bring your photos and show us what your family (men and women) did in World War One.
- Write a Letter to an Unknown Soldier (part of a National Project).
- Find out about researching military family history.



Leamington VAD Nurse, Dorothy Burbury
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(Warwick District Council)

Heritage Matters are running this event in partnership with Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum. Living Military History (www.livingmilitaryhistory.co.uk) sponsored by The Leamington Society and The Friends of the Pump Room Gardens.



MACBETH

Saturday 21 June, 7pm – 7.30pm

FREE LIVE PERFORMANCE

PUMP ROOM GARDENS,
LEAMINGTON, CV32 4AA

A short free taster from Heartbreak Productions of their new Macbeth production, set in the period of the First World War.

Please note: Macbeth has been given an age rating of 8+ and contains no swearing or nudity. The themes of the play in general may, however, be unsuitable for younger children.

To buy tickets for the full production in the Jephson Gardens on Tuesday 24 June and Wednesday 25 June, please visit the website: www.heartbreakproductions.co.uk

SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

Leamington Looks Back is participating in the national 'Letter to an Unknown Soldier Project' www.1418now.org.uk/letter/ as part of the World War One centenary. Any school interested in joining Leamington Looks Back in submitting letters, please contact Jenny St John 01926 774373, or email: jennystjohn1@gmail.com.





BLACK PEOPLE IN WARWICKSHIRE

Monday 23 June, 7.30pm – 9pm

LEAMINGTON HISTORY GROUP TALK MEMBERS FREE, VISITORS £2.50

DORMER CONFERENCE CENTRE, DORMER PLACE, LEAMINGTON, CV32 5AA

Jim Layton will be giving a presentation on 'Black People in Warwickshire'. Refreshments available after the talk.



CEMETERY WALKS

Thursday 26 June – 2pm and 6pm
Sunday 29 June – 2pm
Friday 4 July – 2pm and 6pm

FREE GUIDED WALKS BRUNSWICK CEMETERY, BRUNSWICK ST, LEAMINGTON, CV31 2DS

Enjoy a summer's walk around Brunswick Street Cemetery and find out about some of the interesting characters who have lived or died in Leamington and where they are buried. The walks will last around 60-90 minutes and will be conducted by local historians, Alan Griffin, Allan Jennings, Barry Franklin and Nigel Briggs.

No need to book, just turn up at the middle cemetery entrance on Brunswick Street. Walks will start promptly. Please park on the road and not in the cemetery grounds. The nearest bus stop for the G1 bus is close by in St. Helen's Road. Please remember that it is a cemetery and show the appropriate respect, especially if a funeral is in progress. Thank you.

LEAMINGTON HISTORY GROUP FREE GUIDED WALKS

GROWTH OF REGENCY LEAMINGTON
Tuesday 24 June, 2.30pm – 4pm

SOUTH LODGE, JEPHSON GARDENS (PARADE ENTRANCE), LEAMINGTON, CV32 4AA

Enjoy a walk around old Leamington with History Group member, Michael Pearson. This walk is suitable for all ages. Explore where the Spa Waters were found and find out interesting facts about the town and about Leamington's very own elephants.

LEAMINGTON'S VICTORIAN TOWN CENTRE
Wednesday 25 June, 7pm – 8.30pm

SOUTH LODGE, JEPHSON GARDENS (PARADE ENTRANCE), LEAMINGTON, CV32 4AA

Discover how the Victorians lived in Leamington, visit the Parade and the famous Jephson Gardens. Suitable for all ages.

EXPLORING NORTH EAST LEAMINGTON
Tuesday 1 July, 2.30pm - 4pm

SOUTH LODGE, JEPHSON GARDENS (PARADE ENTRANCE), LEAMINGTON, CV32 4AA

Visit Holly Walk, Lansdowne Crescent and Circus, and discover the works of the nineteenth century architect, William Thomas. Learn about the development of North East Leamington during the early and mid-Victorian period. Longish walk on level ground.

THE PARADE & REGENT STREET
Wednesday 2 July, 7pm – 8.30pm

SOUTH LODGE, JEPHSON GARDENS (PARADE ENTRANCE), LEAMINGTON, CV32 4AA

A pleasant walk looking at how the Parade and Regent Street developed during the Regency period. See the oldest building in Regent Street, find out where a ghost was seen and learn what happened at Lantern Corner. Suitable for all ages.



REGENCY LEAMINGTON

Friday 27 June, 1pm – 1.30pm

FREE FRIDAY FOCUS TALK

LEAMINGTON SPA ART GALLERY & MUSEUM, LEAMINGTON, CV32 4AA



Discover what the social life was like in Regency Leamington Priors. Senior Curator Vicki Slade will talk about the various entertainments that existed in the town at that time.

THE BOMBING OF LEAMINGTON

Friday 27 June, 7.30pm - 9pm

TALK £2

LILLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, CUBBINGTON RD, LILLINGTON, CV32 7AG

Presentation on the Bombing of Leamington in World War Two by historian, Allan Jennings. Refreshments available.

REGENCY BALL

Friday 27 June, 7.30pm – 11pm

TICKETS £40

including a Regency-inspired supper, available from the Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum 01926 742700. Or the Box Office, The Town Hall, The Parade, Leamington Spa, CV32 4AT 01926 334418 email: boxoffice@warwickdc.gov.uk or buy online: <http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/royalspacentre/> ROYAL PUMP ROOMS, THE PARADE, LEAMINGTON, CV32 4AA

Step back in time at our Regency Ball to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the opening of the Royal Pump Rooms. Green Ginger players will provide the music while Caller, Diana Campbell, guides you through the dances.

Regency-style dress recommended. Heritage Matters is running this event in partnership with Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum.

VICTORIAN LEAMINGTON

Sunday 29 June, 10.30am – 12pm

FREE GUIDED WALK

SOUTH LODGE, JEPHSON GARDENS (PARADE ENTRANCE), LEAMINGTON, CV32 4AA

Enjoy a walk around Leamington with historian, Jo Clark. Visit the buildings designed and built by Leamington's local architects. Find out where Princess Victoria stayed as young child and find out why as Queen she granted Leamington the Royal title.



Victorian Sunday is run by Heritage Matters in partnership with Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum

VICTORIAN SUNDAY

Sunday 29 June, 12pm – 4pm

FREE EVENT AND ACTIVITIES

PUMP ROOM GARDENS, LEAMINGTON, CV32 4AA



Enjoy a relaxing Sunday afternoon at the Pump Rooms in the manner of the Victorians.

- Punch & Judy shows (12.30pm and 2pm) sponsored by the Friends of the Pump Room Gardens
- Bands playing in the Pump Room Gardens on the bandstand.
- Dress up and bring a Victorian-style picnic
- Free drop-in family workshop - design your own Victorian Industrial T-Shirt (1pm to 4pm)
- Play a Victorian-themed video-game on the Spa-cade cabinet in the Museum
- Talk on 'Making Money in Victorian Leamington' (2pm in the Art Gallery & Museum)
- Enjoy a Magic Lantern show (3.15pm in the Art Gallery & Museum)
- Visit St Peter's Flower Festival, celebrating their 150th anniversary (overlooking the Pump Room Gardens)
- Hire a Victorian skiff at Leam Boat Centre in the Mill Gardens close by (NB free ice-cream or 10% discount on boat hire charge during the day)



MEMORIES OF CLEMENS STREET

Sunday 29 June, 2.30pm – 4.30pm

FREE WORKSHOP

COMMUNITY ROOM, NEXT TO THE HINDU TEMPLE, 10 HIGH ST, LEAMINGTON

Road access off High Street, pedestrian access off Clemens Street.

Come and share your memories or old photos of Clemens Street in this relaxed session.

LOOK BACK TO THE SIXTIES

Monday 30 June, 10.30am - 12pm

COST £5

Advance Booking Required:
01926 738959/412132/412501
WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY RECORD OFFICE, PRIORY PARK, WARWICK, CV34 4JS

Go behind the scenes at the County Record Office, view original records from the 1960s, including photographs, newspapers and community archives, and discover how we care for Warwickshire's records.



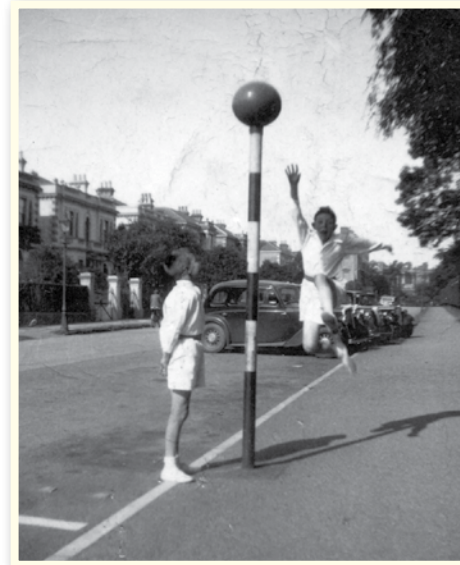
GROOVY SIXTIES

Tuesday 1 July, 2pm – 3.30pm

COST £5

Advance Booking Required:
01926 738959/412132/412501
WARWICKSHIRE MUSEUM STORES, MONTAGUE RD, WARWICK, CV34 5LW

Go back in time to the Sixties and explore a selection of costume and objects from Warwickshire Museum's Social History collection, with Curator of Human History, Sara Wear.



A CELEBRATION OF SYDENHAM

Tuesday 1 July, 7.30pm – 9pm

BOOK LAUNCH

SYDNI CENTRE,
COTTAGE SQUARE (OFF MARLOES WALK), SYDENHAM, CV31 1PT



Sydenham History Group launch their book 'A celebration of Sydenham'. Guest speaker will be Alistair Clark, director of A.C.Lloyd, talking about the history of the company and the development of Sydenham.

SYDENHAM HISTORY

Friday 4 July, 1pm – 1.30pm

FREE FRIDAY FOCUS TALK

LEAMINGTON SPA ART GALLERY & MUSEUM, LEAMINGTON, CV32 4AA



Find out about the history of the Sydenham estate with local historian and resident, Nigel Briggs.





PUBS OF ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA

Thursday 3 July, 12pm – 2pm

BOOK-SIGNING

THE PLOUGH & HARROW,
WHITNASH RD, WHITNASH, CV31 2HX

Pubs of Royal Leamington Spa:
Two Centuries of History
Two of the authors of this recently published book will be on hand to sell this popular book for the special price of £20. The book is the first to document the history of its pubs. It records more than 200 years of history tracking back to a time in the late 1700s when the small village of Leamington Priors had around 300 residents and just two inns.



SYDENHAM 50th CELEBRATIONS

Saturday 5 July
1pm – 5pm Sydni Centre
Fallow Hill 3pm - 5pm
St Mary's Church 7pm – 9pm



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES ALL DAY

The Sydenham estate was started in 1964 and is celebrating its 50th anniversary. A day of music, theatre, displays, fun, food, sports, competitions, and more

SYDENHAM HISTORY

Sunday 6 July, 6pm – 7.30pm

FREE GUIDED WALK
SYDNI CENTRE,
COTTAGE SQUARE
(OFF MARLOES WALK),
SYDENHAM, CV31 1PT



A walking tour around Sydenham, starting at the Sydni Centre, to reveal the history behind this modern estate, from a 12th century mill to a Victorian polo club, to Buffalo Bill and even a First World War flying ace, Sir Alan Cobham.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

HERITAGE MATTERS WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF LEAMINGTON LOOKS BACK 2014:

Our particular thanks this year go to our festival organising and volunteer team; Jeff Watkin, Vicki Slade and Coral Manton, our partners at Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum; David Butler, Leamington Town Centre Manager.

We would also like to thank Councillor John Knight, Leamington Spa Mayor Elect 2014/15, for his foreword and support of Leamington Looks Back.
Anne Warren and Jenny St John

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