# The Leamington Society

Registered Charity 516078



### NEWSLETTER



New mural in Strathearn Gardens. Designed and produced by Brink Contemporary Arts. Photo: Tim Robottom

**Events - see page 3** 

#### Chairman's Notes

At AGM in May, the renewed Committee was voted in. I am particularly pleased to welcome back Sidney Syson and Bruno Eurich whom many of you know as local residents devoted to Leamington and always keen to make it a better place to live. Many thanks to Brian Wall, Margaret Begg, Gary Jones and Barry Franklin for keeping the Society going. We would always welcome new volunteers - whether you'd like to join the Committee or help on a one-off basis. Just drop us a line to see how what you are passionate about can be incorporated in the Society's work.

This newsletter is packed with green related features and events. I would partly blame summer for it - with its appeals of warm weather and slower pace of life. However, perhaps there is also a shift in our neighbours' priorities and interests. Leamington is blessed with key parks but there are so many - often overlooked - green spaces in between and people take care of them and by doing this take care of themselves too.

When the Committee discussed the Society's Framework put together by Gary Jones early last year (see our website for details) we wanted to reflect the importance to the Society of both facets of Leamington and thus the following wording has been agreed on: "We are working with

others to enhance the built and green environment of our town whilst supporting new developments to improve the quality of life locally."

Improving quality of life in a town is in great part about creating safe, clean and enjoyable public spaces. This is one of the reasons the public consultation about Parade has been launched and I would encourage you to submit your responses. There will be a number of engagement events organised by the Transformation Board in the next few weeks. On 2nd July, we will host our own with Stephen Marks, the town clerk, as a speaker. There have been a few discussions about Parade and town centre over the years. There is still no funding for whatever scheme will be designed now. However, one can only remain optimistic and believe that change will happen as the current state of the town centre isn't what we would all expect from an elegant and in many ways attractive town like ours.

What else perhaps needs to be looked into is the provision of free indoor third spaces in the town centre as beyond the library, the Art Gallery and Museum and the Royal Priors there isn't much else.

We have now finalised the programme of events for 2025-2026 and, as always, feel free to bring guests along - our events are open to everyone though non-members are asked to pay £3.

Ignaty Dyakov-Richmond, Chair

#### **Leamington Society Programme of Talks 2025-2026**

All talks are held at 7.30pm at The Oddfellows, 22 New Street, Leamington Spa CV32 1HP

#### 2025

Jul 2: Concept Masterplan for Parade - Stephen Marks (Town Council)

Sept 10: Leafy Leamington: how to bring it back – Ignaty Dyakov-Richmond (The Leamington Society)

Oct 8: Masterplan for Christchurch Gardens - Alison Chantrey (Friends of the Gardens)

Nov 12: Improving the water quality of the River Leam - Sioban Bray (Severn Trent Water)

Dec 10 Xmas meeting. The story of Shire Foods (plus buffet) – Kevin Newey (tbc.)

#### 2026

Jan 15 (Thu): Burn's Night celebration - joint meeting with the Leamington Literary Society and Society of Authors Warwickshire (£8 entry)

Feb 11: The History and Future of Silicon Spa – Andrew Oliver (Panivox)

March 11: All Saints Living Labyrinth – Lucie Titchmarsh (ARC)

April 8: The role of Virtual Reality today – Alex Harvey (Rivr)

May 13: AGM - Update on developments in Leamington town centre (details tbc.)

#### Friends of Christchurch Gardens Summer 2025 Programme

One-hour tidy-ups at 11am on: 28th June, 9th August, and 20th September

We also have the Learnington History walks led by Paul and Jenny Dickins: 25th June, 30th July, and 20th September

Sign up via Eventbrite: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/leamington-history-group-68599114813">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/leamington-history-group-68599114813</a>

Family biodiversity days - in conjunction with Warwick District Council: 9th August 11am to 1pm (alongside the tidy-up) 29th August 2pm to 4pm

## Parade Masterplan - public engagement

The views of Leamington's residents, visitors, and businesses are being sought on new concept plans to transform Parade into a traffic-free space to give the town centre a major economic and cultural boost.

The Leamington Transformation Board, made up of representatives from Warwickshire County Council, Warwick District Council, and Royal Leamington Spa Town Council, is set to open an eight-week engagement exercise on its emerging Parade Masterplan from Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup> to Monday July 28<sup>th</sup>.

Part of the masterplan includes exploring options to remove vehicular traffic from Parade, with the aim of increasing the number of people using the space and the time they spend there, boosting the town's economy.

Buses that currently stop at the top of Parade would be re-routed to convenient alternative stops nearby, while delivery vehicles would be permitted limited access during times of lower footfall. Emergency vehicles would still be able to access the road.

A new town square next to the Town Hall would be created, providing an inviting new space for community events, markets, and performances.

Parade would be enhanced by the addition of new trees, planting, seating and cycle infrastructure, with accessibility at the forefront of its design.

Mark Lee, Independent Chair of the Leamington Transformation Board, said: "We believe that there is huge potential to transform Parade into an incredible space for Leamington's residents, visitors, and businesses, helping the town's historic high street to be better than ever before.

"We envisage a whole area coming to life with hospitality venues spilling into the newly created space and families able to enjoy the vibrancy of the town, knowing their children can play safely nearby.

"Many independent studies have shown that giving priority to pedestrians in key areas of town and city centres improves economic and health outcomes – but we know that it needs to be done in the right way with the views of all affected considered.

"We want to ensure Parade becomes the centre of a vibrant and economically successful town, in an age when high streets are going through fundamental change and, in many cases, decline. The sole aim is to improve the town centre for the good of local people, businesses, visitors and the environment.

"We would encourage anyone interested in the future of Parade to respond to the survey so we can ensure all voices are taken into account as we progress this masterplan."

Anyone wishing to respond to the survey should visit <a href="www.warwickshire.gov.uk/">www.warwickshire.gov.uk/</a> ask

Sam Jackson

We will have
Stephen Marks, town clerk,
to present 'Concept Masterplan for
Parade' for the Leamington Society
on 2nd July (Wed) at 7.30pm
at the Oddfellows

#### A view from the Gardens

Following its endorsement at meetings of Leamington Transformation Board and Leamington Town Council earlier in the

Columbia

The Friends' masterplan working group, including Simon Richardson from WDC Green Spaces Team.

month, a masterplan for Christchurch Gardens was supported by WDC Cabinet at its meeting in March.

The masterplan was drawn up following consultation with a wide range of stakeholders and members of the public in 2024. There were, of course, contradictory views put forward, but we have taken into account the balance of support using the results of our "hot or not" engagement events.

The improvements most supported included installing lighting both to the paths and the courts, to extend the Garden's hours of use; introducing more seating and opportunities for natural play

and creating new habitats to encourage biodiversity. There was strong support to pave the dirt desire line, which cuts across the North East of the Gardens and to make better use of the space opposite

the Parade.

The plan will be divided into a series of smaller projects, which will help to continue the Friends' work to make the Gardens a destination in their own right. The development of detailed plans and costings are required before the Friends can apply for funding. We anticipate that it will take some years to realise the vision and we will continue to work with WDC's Green Spaces Team to achieve our shared goals. You can find the full details of the masterplan here (https:// plincke.egnyte.com/fl/

RjSY5l6mkE).

Before embarking on work in the Gardens, the Friends want to learn more about the wildlife it supports. We were lucky to be supported on a recent bat walk by Deb Merrick from WDC Green Spaces Team and were excited to spot several bats, which may have been soprano pipistrelles.

In other news, the current exhibition in Art Box is by Learnington International Twinning Society. It was installed in time for the visit from Sceaux earlier in the year. It's not due to be up for much longer, so please take a look next time you're in the Gardens.

Do join us for our next tidy up at 11am on Saturday 28th June. All are welcome for this regular hour long event. We provide hi viz, gloves and tools, coffee and cake, with support from Holy Trinity Church.

As always, if you'd like to keep up-to-date with the Friends' work, you can follow us on Facebook at *Friends of Christchurch Gardens, Leamington Spa* and *Art Box, Leamington Spa*, or sign up to our newsletter <a href="here">here</a> (<a href="https://mailchi.mp/57069a2c62ce/sign-up-to-the-friends-newsletter</a>).

Alison Chantrey Chair, Friends of Christchurch Gardens

#### **Living Labyrinth**

You may have noticed something new in the heart of Leamington's Old Town. The churchyard at All Saints' Churchyard is now home to a beautiful

new green feature: The Living Labyrinth of Leamington — a planted installation designed to offer sanctuary to both people and pollinators.

This striking new space is the result of months of collaborative work by ARC (Achieving Results in Communities), All Saints' Church, and the All Saints' Community Garden Group, with valued support from Warwick District Council's Green Spaces team and the Bee Friendly Leamington Group.

We have calculated over 1000 volunteer hours have helped to prepare, plant, water and tend to this feature. A real Labour of love from various groups in the community.

Woven into the space are over 1,500 perennial plants, carefully selected for their long flowering season, visual appeal, and importance to bees, butterflies, and other vital pollinators. The Labyrinth invites mindful walking and quiet reflection in the centre rose, providing a place where nature and community meet.

We're excited to have officially launched the Labyrinth during the 'Wild Patches' Event, a free, family-friendly event on Saturday 7th June, as part of The Great Big Green Week — the UK's biggest celebration of community action on climate and nature.



Photo: Dominic Day

Join us for a day of nature-inspired activities, stalls, a timelapse video of the project and refreshments. Climb the church's bell tower for a stunning peregrine's-eye view of the Labyrinth, and discover the many forms of wildlife that call our town home.

All are welcome — come and celebrate this new sanctuary in the centre of Leamington.

#### For more information:

www.allsaintschurchleamington.org.uk/ churchyardregenerationcommunitygard enlabyrinth.html

Lucie Cox, ARC



Bee Friendly Committee: Jo Harper (chair), Julie Burton (treasurer) and Tanya Carey (secretary)

#### **Bee-friendly Leamington**

Leamington Spa was awarded Bee Friendly Town status by the Bee Friendly Trust on 20th May, World Bee Day. It recognised the work Bee Friendly Leamington has been doing to raise awareness of and improve habits for wild bees. The group runs the Bee Friendly School Awards programme in Warwick District and has delivered a why Bees Matter assembly to over 4,000 children, as well as similar sessions with community groups. They have helped schools create wildflower patches, as well as giving seeds for pupils to sow their own nectar-rich flower pots. Bee Friendly Leamington works closely with the Bee Friendly groups in Warwick, Kenilworth and Cubbington. They also collaborate on habitat creation projects with other local groups, such as ARC and the Social Gardening Project.

This is a quick reminder that if you see something abandoned - unsightly and blocking the use of space - at a bike or car parking facility or in a green space, you may want to email <a href="mailto:contract.services@warwickdistrict.gov.uk">contract.services@warwickdistrict.gov.uk</a> at Warwick District Council to draw their attention to this. As an example, a bike with rusty brakes and wheels has been on the corner of Warwick Street and Parade for a few months. After being reported, WDC will monitor it for another month and then take action.

For potholes and other issues with roads (including verges) email Warwickshire County Council at <a href="mailto:countyhighways@warwickshire.gov.uk">countyhighways@warwickshire.gov.uk</a>.

## Don't We Have Enough Coffee Shops?

It's a question that echoes through high streets and facebook groups: "Do we really need another coffee shop?" Yet, beneath the surface of this query lies a deeper narrative about community, economy and changing lifestyles.

Over the past decade, the UK and Leamington has witnessed a significant rise in coffee culture. As of 2025, there are approximately 25,000 coffee shops across the country, with independent establishments comprising around 60% of this number. Locally, it's estimated that there are over 50 coffee shops and cafes in Leamington Spa and Warwick with around 60% of them being independently run. Far from being mere caffeine dispensers, these spaces have become integral to our social fabric.

#### **Economic Catalysts**

Independent coffee shops are more than just spots for a latte or flat white, they're powerful economic drivers. Studies show that their presence can boost local high street economies by 2-4%, largely by increasing footfall and encouraging people to spend more time (and money) in the area. While coffee shops themselves contribute £15-£20 billion to the UK economy, they help generate an additional £20 billion for surrounding businesses. When people visit a café, they're far more likely to browse nearby

shops, supporting the wider retail ecosystem in the process.

### **Changing Habits, Changing High Streets**

The way we socialise and spend our time has evolved. With a noticeable decline in alcohol consumption, particularly among younger generations coffee shops have become a popular, inclusive alternative to pubs and bars. They offer warm, welcoming spaces where people can meet, work or simply take a break without the pressure to drink.

At the same time, the rise of online shopping has made it harder for high streets to thrive, leading to more empty shop fronts and reduced footfall. But coffee shops bring something the digital world can't: real, human connection. They turn vacant units into vibrant community hubs and help reanchor our town centres around experiences, not just transactions. In this way, cafés are playing an increasingly important role in revitalising local economies and giving people a reason to come back to the high street.



New cafe area opened recently in the organic grocery store Core at 50 Regent Street

#### **Celebrating New Beginnings**

At Kuppso, we champion the growth of independent coffee shops. They embody resilience, creativity, and the spirit of community, and they bring real value to our high streets. So. when news breaks of another one opening, it's not a sign of saturation, but of strength. Each new café is a chance for an entrepreneur to realise a dream, for locals to gain a new social space, and for the wider economy to benefit. Of course, someone on a Facebook group will still ask, "Don't we have enough coffee shops?" But we believe the answer is clear: there's always room for one more.

Rob Oakley, Co-founder, Kuppso Coffee Club

#### **About Kuppso**

Kuppso is the world's first subscription service dedicated to independent coffee shops, proudly founded right here in Leamington Spa. Our app helps you discover and support brilliant local coffee shops, bakeries and cafes across Leamington, Warwick and Kenilworth, offering a great alternative to the big chains. We've partnered with some of the best independents in the area, and with Kuppso, you can enjoy their amazing coffee for just £2.50. www.kuppso.com

### New Exhibition - A Different View

#### 17 June - 5 October 2025 Leamington Art Gallery and Museum

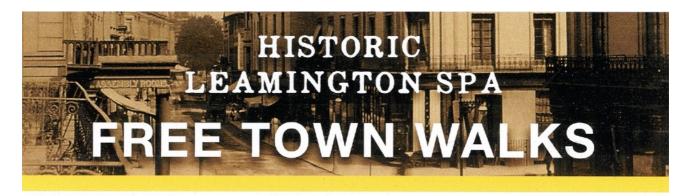
Bringing together the work of over fifty painters, sculptors and photographers, this brand new temporary exhibition will trace the story of women artists in Britain and explore the historical, modern and contemporary artworks across a wide range of themes.

The exhibition considers what was possible for these women artists from the late Victorian period onwards and charts the long and difficult route to professionalism.

Artists from the twentieth century who benefited from increasing access to professional training will be showcased, such as Vanessa Bell, Lucy Kemp-Welch, Dod Proctor and Winifred Nicholson, as well as Laura Cookes and overlooked artists Gertude Lindsay and Vera Morosoff.

Come along and view the exhibition at Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum, Tuesday - Sunday, 10am -4pm.

The redevelopment of the former Stoneleigh Arms pub in Clemens Street (shut down in 1990s) and the Old School in Court Street has now been completed. The space is promised to be available for creative businesses and events. We hope to write more about its future in the September edition.



Join one of our experienced guides for a 90 minute walk, and learn about Leamington History.

From 13th May to 3rd September

Every Tuesday 14:30 Every Wednesday 19:00









From 9th - 17th September

Every Tuesday 14:30 Every Wednesday 14:30

All walks meet outside The Royal Pump Rooms

#### To Book

Please call in or telephone the Visitors Centre at The Pump Rooms Tel:- 01926 456940 Mon/Fri 10am - 4pm Sat/Sun 10am - 3pm

For more information see our website at:-

www.socialwalksandtalks.org



email: socialwalksandtalks@gmail.com

phone: 07396 800 375

## Coventry Society visit to the creative quarter

On June 12 around twenty members of the Coventry Society came to see recent developments in Leamington. Five members of the Leamington Society welcomed them along with members of the Friends of the Art Gallery. Last year the Coventry Society gave our two organisations a very interesting tour and a delicious tea, so we felt we had to rise to the occasion.

Sadly, we were off to a bad start. The planned tour of the exhibition at the art gallery had to be cancelled due to a leaking roof, and as we set off the rain intensified. We reached the Stoneleigh Arms and admired the new building on Clemens Street and the restored old school behind in Court Street. Between the two was a pocket park with seating, but we did not linger due to the rain. Mark Brightburn, a Warwick District Council officer, explained that they were negotiating with others to manage the Clemens Street artists' studios and exhibition space, and the council itself would be in charge of the old school.

Fortunately, the rain eased as we approached the Fold in Spencer Street. Our visitors were very impressed at the way the old church had been converted into a light and airy space for media businesses, and we went down into the basement to see the studio, film and recording spaces. We came out into Spencer Yard in bright sunshine. Clare Mitchell, a Warwick District Council officer, explained how the buildings in the yard were being used, and we moved on to the Jephson Gardens.

Paul Baker, the chairman of FLAG, described the background to the new sculpture by John Bridgman of the Exile, a mother and child leaving Vietnam at the time of the boat people.

After two hours on their feet, our visitors were pleased to see the Town Hall and tea in sight. FLAG members had prepared tea and cake for everyone and two of our members had mounted a display in the balcony room. Clare Mitchell has offered to accompany us on future visits, so if members are interested, we could organise another event when the Stoneleigh Arms is in use.

Margaret Begg

PS: You can read the Friends of Art Gallery and Museum account of this event and see some photos in their blog on the website http://

www.friendsofleamingtonartgallery.co.uk/

Leamington History Group have published a beautiful new book 'Enterprising Leamington'.
It is available from LHG secretary@leamingtonhistory.co.uk, Warwick Books and Leamington Studio Artists in Royal Priors.



If you've spotted green bags around the base of young trees and wondered what they are — they're **tree watering bags**. Warwick District Council and Warwickshire County Council now fit them as standard to help newly planted trees (the more mature young ones) get off to a healthy start.

Each bag holds around 50 litres of water and slowly releases it into the soil over several hours, allowing the water to soak down to the roots where it's needed most. Young trees are especially vulnerable during hot, dry weather — they need regular watering to establish strong roots and survive their first few years.

If you notice a tree with a watering bag near your home or on your regular walk, feel free to water it — especially during warm, dry spells. Just lift the flap at the top and pour water in. Every little bit helps!

#### Wildflower verge trial

Warwick District Council is trialling a new way of managing some roadside verges

— by mowing less often and sowing wildflowers — to help support local wildlife.

Many verges are currently mown up to 10 times a year, which removes wildflowers before they can bloom and support pollinators like bees and butterflies. By reducing mowing and introducing native wildflowers, we hope to create healthier habitats, improve biodiversity, and connect green spaces across the district.

The Wildflower Verge Trial is taking place at selected sites in Sydenham Drive and Campion Green in Leamington Spa, where the grass will be cut once in late summer, and wildflower seed added where needed. A short-mown strip will be maintained along the roadside to ensure visibility and safety, in line with advice from Warwickshire County Council.

This is a long-term approach — results may take time, and not all areas will look like a picture-perfect wildflower meadow straight away. But even long grasses and less colourful plants can offer vital support to pollinators and other wildlife.

We'll be monitoring the trial closely, and if successful, it could be expanded in future. Residents can email their proposals to <a href="mailto:biodiversity@warwickdc.gov.uk">biodiversity@warwickdc.gov.uk</a>

Becky Davies, Warwick District Council

#### The Wild and Wonderful Work of ARC

You are all hopefully familiar with the work that ARC (Achieving Results in Communities) are carrying out at All Saints Churchyard (see the article on p.6 and in previous newsletters - IDR). But do you know about all the other wonderful things we do to support wildlife and wellbeing of those from the town?

We have just made a short video providing a brief overview of our different areas of work. Please watch it here vimeo.com/1080843600.

We have a lot of activities that you can get involved in this summer:

#### **Community Gardening:**

These sessions are open to anyone for some gentle gardening and socialising.
Alongside the Tuesday sessions at All Saints' Churchyard, join us Wedesdays 10 til 12 at The Crest, Lillington (CV32 7QB) or on Fridays 10 til 12 at Lyttelton Road Warwick (CV34 5EW).

#### **Children and Families:**

Earlier this year we planted a community orchard in Lillington. Join us for family-friendly sessions tending this orchard as well as our Children's Forest in Radford Semele. Monthly Saturdays in June to October.

#### **Adult Wellbeing:**

This July we will be celebrating 10 years of supporting people struggling with their mental health through our Wellbeing in Nature sessions and courses. Please keep an eye on updates on our media

channels for information about a forthcoming celebration event. Weekly wellbeing sessions are held on Tuesdays at Foundry Wood, Leamington, and on Thursdays at the Packmores Community Garden, Warwick.

You can book a place to join us at any of the above sessions via

Eventbrite: eventbrite.co.uk/o/arc-achieving-results-in-communities-84849003323.

Visit <u>arccic.co.uk</u> to find out more about us.



Crest Community Gardening. Photo: Lucie Cox

We always welcome donations to ensure that people can access all of our groups for **free**. <a href="https://localgiving.org/charity/achieving-results-in-communities">https://localgiving.org/charity/achieving-results-in-communities</a>

Lucie Cox, Community Gardening Facilitator, ARC

# Talk on 20th century architecture in Leamington



Manor Court in Avenue Road. Photo: Neil Porter

After the business of the Annual General Meeting had concluded, James MacKay, who is an enthusiast for 20th century architecture, shared his ideas with us. The photos he had taken of more modern buildings in Leamington were very revealing. Some developments, such as the Sydenham estate, with its grassy areas by the front doors and its neighbourly groupings, had been very successful. Other housing areas with front doors hidden by parked cars, were less attractive in James's view.

He showed us a number of modern churches, which, he commented, looked less and less like churches, with token spires and lots of large glass windows. He especially praised the Roman Catholic church in Lillington which has some fine stained glass. Also, in Lillington, is a stylish 20th century library, which had been listed to protect it from further development.

Other public buildings were assessed. James showed us the Spa Centre, which he felt could have had a more interesting aspect at the rear instead of a totally blank wall. He liked the white Justice Centre, but he felt it did not look good against the cream Regency villas in Newbold Terrace. The station was admired, but the white Station House, student accommodation, was too fake Regency for him.

On his travels James had managed to get into the Rangemaster premises, where hidden away, was a large art deco building in very poor condition. It could be restored but would be difficult to get listed because of its situation and state of repair.

On a happier note, 1 Mill Street business centre, had never looked so good. The former church building and community centre had been well restored and was now a fine feature south of the river. The audience were left with a desire to seek out the more recent buildings tucked away in our Regency/Victorian town, and to appreciate their design and functionality.

Margaret Begg

#### Friends of Leamington Station visit Henley in Arden via the Shakespeare Line

After Fraser Pithie's inspiring talk on how this line was saved from demolition (Newsletter March 2025) the Friends decided to explore. Chiltern supplied us with tickets as far as Stratford, where we changed to the Shakespeare Line. This runs between Birmingham and Stratford with many suburban stops in between, Henley in Arden being one of them.

Shakespeare's profile features at every station, all very rural, reminding us of

"Adlestrop". Henley in Arden is an elegant historic town with an important main road running through the middle – an early example of ribbon development. There are two Victorian churches, a medieval Guildhall (very like the Lord Leycester



Photo: Marianne Pitts

Hospital) a fine Jubilee Garden and *top* of the list of attractions at the railway station is – the Ice Cream shop. This is such a treat that Birmingham children would come all the way to eat one. None of the Friends did – the queue was too long.

The microbrewery which was part of the restored station is now a refreshment room, open for community events and staffed by volunteers, though a professional manager has been engaged to deal with the demand. The brewery could not keep pace with this – so the bar is now a free house. It is a great asset to the town and they made us very welcome.

A good day out, especially in the fine May weather which the Friends enjoyed.

Marianne Pitts, Friends of Leamington Station

At a meeting of Warwick District Council on 14 May 2025 some local residents received the following awards. We are pleased that several members of the Leamington Society, including our very own long standing Hon Secretary Margaret Begg. Congratulations!

#### Alderman/Women

**Margaret Begg -** 23 years as District Cllr from March 1984-2007.

**Michael Coker -** 39 years as District Cllr from May 1976-May 1995 and May 1999-2019, and 49-years total as Cllr including time as a Town Councillor.

**Jane Knight -** 16 years as District Cllr from May 2003-May 2019.

#### Freedom of the District

Jon Holmes – 50 years' service to WDC, Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, improving green spaces and

biodiversity.

**Jennifer Heath** – Whitnash Youth Club, Dementia Café, Chatternatters.

**Dawid Kolowski** – Humanitarian Aid and local cultural events.

**Gian Clare** – United Nations Association.

**Richard Philips** – Festival Director of Leamington Music (retired).

**Anthony Britton** – the Pam Britton Trust for Dementia, The Little Pocket book of support. **Margaret Rushton** – Leamington History Group.

Carole Sleight – Arts and Community engagement.

**Margarat Kite** – 30 years of volunteer work for local charities.

**Andrew Emm** – volunteer groups at Dale Street Methodist Church.

**Bridget Halpin** – Girlguiding volunteer. **Julie Brown** – Girlguiding volunteer.



Murals in Strathearn Gardens. Designed and produced by Brink Contemporary Arts. Inspired by suggestions from year 5 & 6 pupils attending Milverton Primary school. Part funded by Warwickshire County Council, Art Friends Warwickshire and kind donations from supporters of Leamington Mural Festival. Photo: Tim Robottom.

The **Leamington Society** is a registered charity. It is a member of the West Midlands Amenity Societies Association and the National Organisation of Residents' Associations. We are working with others to enhance the built and green environment of our town whilst supporting new developments to improve the quality of life locally.

Charity No. 516078. Postal address: 11 Dormer Place, Leamington Spa CV32 5AA

**Officers and Committee** 

Chairman: *Ignaty Dyakov-Richmond* 

Hon. Secretary and

Membership Secretary:

Margaret Begg

Treasurer: Brian Wall

Committee Members:

Bruno Eurich, Barry

Franklin, Gary Jones,

Sidney Syson

To join the Society visit www.leamingtonsociety.org/join-us

Why not to give a friend the year's membership of the Leamington Society for their pleasure and help the Society at the same time?

Email the Society membership@leamingtonsociety.org for more information.

Unless otherwise indicated, views expressed in the Society's newsletters are the contributors' own and not necessarily the view of the Society.