

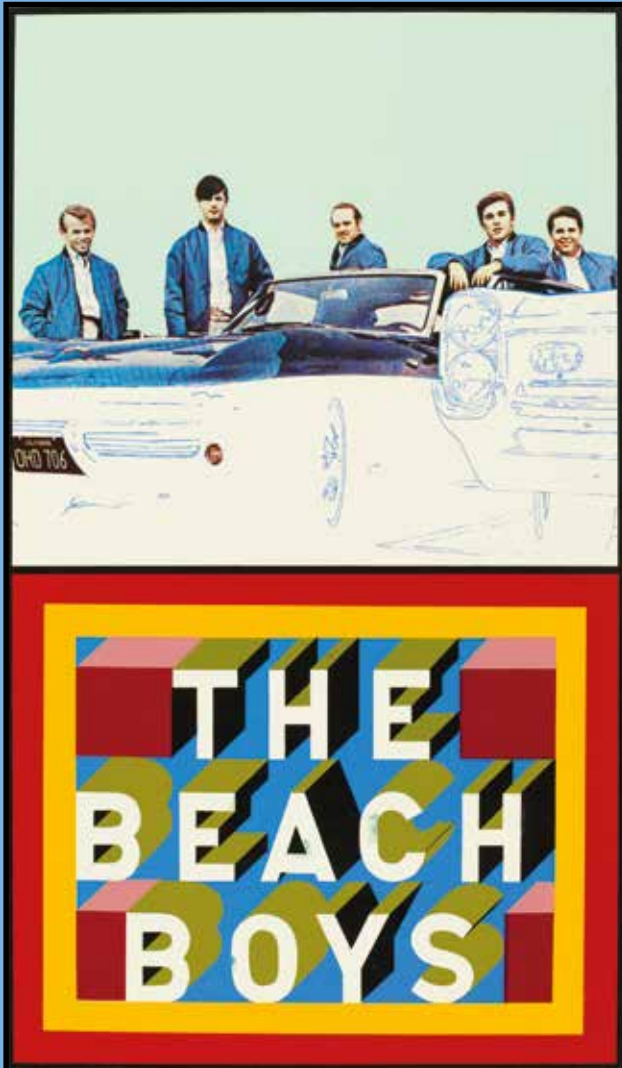
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What's On

at The Wilson



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WELCOME

Welcome to The Wilson, Cheltenham's premier art gallery and museum. We have a packed exhibition programme showing internationally renowned artists and stunning collections as well as short courses, talks and tours. The Wilson Cafe serves freshly prepared tasty treats and The Wilson Shop provides unique gifts – all this in one award-winning venue. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter @thewilsonchelt to get the full picture!

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The Wilson is a venue managed by The Cheltenham Trust, a charity dedicated to enriching the lives of residents and visitors through art, culture, heritage, sport, play and performance.

As well as The Wilson, The Cheltenham Trust is responsible for Cheltenham Town Hall, the iconic Pittville Pump Room, Leisure at Cheltenham and the Prince of Wales Stadium.

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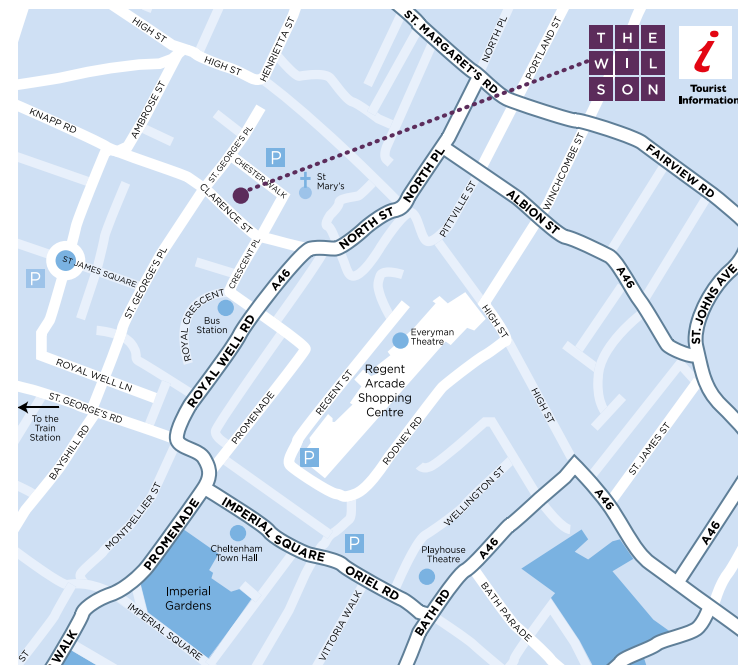
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VISITING US

- Free entry to permanent collection, everything else as shown.
- Opening times are Monday – Wednesday, Friday – Saturday 9:30am – 5:15pm and Sunday 11am – 4pm. We are now open every Thursday from 9:30am – 7:45pm.
- Family trails available
- Floorplan guides available
- Children's Stay and Play area
- Full disabled access
- Toilets and baby changing facilities
- The Wilson Shop
- The Guild at 51
- The Wilson Café
- Tourist Information Centre
- Tours available
- Concessions available – please ask

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The Order of Things

28 January – 5 March 2017

Free

The Order of Things examines the position of abstract art in our current world and how it relates to the human condition. It explores how artists have employed this approach to cross boundaries between art and science, engage with social and political issues and celebrate the material nature of the world in an age dominated by digital media.

The exhibition is curated by Andrew Bick, Jonathan Parsons and Katie Pratt and includes their work alongside ten other international artists.

Organised in partnership with *Practice as Research* at The University of Gloucestershire



IMAGE: Niel Zakiewicz, OK Finger, 2016, Paint on Wood, © Niel Zakiewicz

Pop Art in Print

25 March - 4 June 2017

Tickets: £6 including Gift Aid, £4 concessions

Drawing from the V&A's outstanding collections of Pop Art graphics, this is the V&A's first exhibition of Pop Art prints. Bringing together over seventy works, this exhibition offers a comprehensive and exciting view of artists working in this style from the 1960s to the early 2000s. Inspired by commercial graphics and popular culture, the movement generated an innovative and prolific culture of printmaking.

The work of over 30 artists is featured in the exhibition; amongst the most iconic are Andy Warhol, Allen Jones, Robert Indiana, Roy Lichtenstein, Patrick Caulfield, David Hockney, Richard Hamilton, Peter Blake, Gavin Turk and Julian Opie.



Exhibition organised by the Victoria and Albert Museum, London



IMAGE: Roy Lichtenstein, Sandwich and Soda, 1964, screen print. © Estate of Roy Lichtenstein/DACS 2016

Odyssey

20 January – 2 March 2017

Free

Odyssey is an accessible exhibition of mixed media work by established and emerging artists, including the Art Bridge II collaborative and new commissioned pieces by Jon Adams and Pam Newall. Art Bridge II is a supported, professional, high-level programme of artistic and professional training and mentoring for talented and emerging artists facing disabling barriers. The project has benefitted from guidance by lead artist Zoe Partington and Artist-in-Residence Dr. Jim Brook.

This exhibition is organised by Art Shape and funded by Arts Council England. Art Shape is a county-wide charity that works to provide inclusive access to arts and culture for people with disabilities.



IMAGE: Pam Newall,
Changes, 2016,
©The Artist

Reframing the Eye

28 March - 8 May 2017

Free

An exhibition of photographs by year 2 Photography students from the University of Gloucestershire

“Photography is easy, photography is difficult” Paul Graham

Anyone can press a button and make a picture; the hard part is seeing past our own over-familiarity. Is there anything new to show about the world? Yes! In **Reframing the Eye**, second year BA Photography students challenge us through looking, directing and recording with an open mind, making images that (like all great photography) aim to leap out from the ever growing sea of pictures that surrounds us, and to excite us with something new.



IMAGE:
Grace Thomas,
Two Angels, 2016,
©The Artist

Looking ahead

Queen Victoria in Paris

Watercolours from the Royal Collection

17 June – 15 October 2017

Tickets: £6 including Gift Aid, £4 concessions

A beautiful selection of watercolours all specially created for Queen Victoria when she made a momentous visit to Paris in April 1855, organised by The Royal Collection Trust and Compton Verney.

The Friends Gallery, supported by the Friends of The Wilson, is our space dedicated to showing selections and highlights from the fine art collections held at The Wilson.

As part of the broader theme of *A Sense of Place*, two new displays will be opening in 2017:

The Language of Landscape

From 4 February 2017

The second in our series of displays focusing on landscape, **The Language of Landscape** shows work drawn from the fine art collection at The Wilson, embracing different ways of viewing landscapes by exploring mark-making, abstraction, and ways of expression.



IMAGE: Michael Ayton,
Field Roller, 1946.
© Estate of
Michael Ayton

Exterior Scenes from the Baron de Ferrieres Collection

From 4 February 2017

Featuring a selection of works from our founding collection, these powerful paintings capture striking scenes of the landscape and the figures within it.



IMAGE: Joseph Le Roy,
Fête Champêtre:
Cavaliers and Women
round a Gaming
Board, about 1850-1860

Our museum collection galleries include local history, Antarctic exploration, archaeology, and a wide range of ceramics and paintings. The Arts and Crafts Movement gallery contains internationally important pieces, including furniture, jewellery and textiles.

Portrait of Mr Allan Whittern, 1960s

From February 2017

We've been making changes in our 20th century gallery. Come and see this newly conserved representation of Mr Whittern alongside other freshly displayed pieces from our fine art collection. It was painted on the back door of A Whittern & Son, a grocer's shop in the Suffolks in Cheltenham.



IMAGE: Anonymous, Mr Allan Whittern's Portrait on the Back Door of His Grocer's Shop, 1960s

Ingenious Woodwork

Until Autumn 2017

This display explores decorative woodworking techniques used by the designers and makers of the Arts and Crafts Movement. Ingenious Woodwork focuses on decorative wood carving, intricate inlays and veneers and freestanding sculpture by designers and makers who include Ernest Gimson, Arthur Simpson, Eric Sharpe and William Simmonds.



IMAGE: William Simmonds, Ducklings, 1950

The Paper Store Open Archive

The Paper Store houses changing displays from a fascinating collection of archival items held by The Wilson relating to Edward Adrian Wilson, Cheltenham's history, the Arts and Crafts Movement, the Emery Walker Library and more. As an open archive, visitors are welcome to come and browse through the Paper Store to view displays and items relating to the permanent museum collection.

Please note the Paper Store will be closing on 2 April 2017 and will reopen on 27 May 2017 with all new displays from our collections.



William Hamlet, George III taking the waters at Cheltenham Spa, 1789

Illumination! and Arts and Crafts displays

Illumination! explores beautiful calligraphy, illuminated manuscripts and private press books drawn from the Emery Walker Library. It includes hand-illuminated manuscripts by William Morris, as well as books from the Kelmscott, Doves and Ashdene Presses. Also featured in the gallery are the works of Arts and Crafts designers and artists Ernest Gimson, Sidney Barnsley, George Heywood Maunoir Sumner and Eric Sharpe.

Local History and Wilson Family Collection displays

Our Local History displays celebrate 300 years of Cheltenham as a spa town, highlighting famous visitors including George III and the Duke of Wellington. The Wilson Family Collection highlights Edward Adrian Wilson's visits to Antarctica, his studies of Cheltenham wildlife through the seasons, and his father's photography featuring family holidays and visitors to the Wilson home at Westal. Notable visitors included the arctic explorers Scott, Shackleton and Cherry Garrard.

Quilty Pleasures

Saturday 11 March

Tickets: £12.00, Students: £10.00

Hour long tours at 10am, 11.30am and 2pm

A rare opportunity to see a selection from The Wilson's collection of historic quilts, a must for anyone interested in patchwork and quilting. Members of our collections team will be on hand to tell you more. Price includes a drink and cake from The Wilson Café. Booking is essential.



Talks and Tours

Arts and Crafts Movement Tour

January 7, 12, 21, 26

February 4, 9, 18, 23

March 4, 9, 18, 23

April 1, 6, 15, 20 • 2pm • £5

Discover The Wilson's internationally acclaimed Arts and Crafts Movement collection with an insightful 45 minute tour led by subject specialist, Dave Walton.

Guided Tours of The Wilson

January 5, 14, 19, 28

February 2, 11, 16, 25

March 2, 11, 16, 25, 30

April 8, 13, 22, 27, 29 • 2pm • £5

Want to know more about The Wilson, its history and collections? Join a fascinating 45 minute introductory tour led by our knowledgeable gallery guides.

The Order of Things: Exhibition Seminar

Thursday 2 March

6 - 8:30pm • £5

Join the curators of **The Order of Things** plus a panel of special

guests in discussing the exhibition and abstract art.

Pop Art: A lecture by Oliver Gosling

Thursday 30 March • 6 - 7pm

£7/£5

Artist and lecturer Oliver Gosling will examine the emergence of Pop Art in the mid-1950s, and particularly its re-emergence in China and the Far East in mid-1980s.

Pop Art: Curator Tour

Thursday 6 April • 6 - 7pm

£7/£5

Curator Gill Saunders will lead this exclusive guided tour of our new exhibition, **Pop Art in Print**, adding insight to the works on display and the inspiration behind the artists.

Pop Art: Curator Talk

Thursday 25 May • 6 - 7pm

£7/£5

Pop Art in Print curator Gill Saunders will discuss the perennial appeal of Pop Art and its critique of the 'American dream'.

Adult Workshops

Practical Workshops at The Wilson offer the opportunity to develop artistic skills from a teaching artist in a friendly and informal setting. Best for absolute beginners, improvers and artists looking to develop their practice.

Introduction to Printing

Saturday 18 February • 10am -

4pm • £60/£55 conc.

Learn the essential skills for successful lino cutting; produce prints for cards and tags in this one day workshop with artist Beth Jenkins.

Suitable for beginners and improvers. Materials supplied.

Exploring Abstraction: A Practical Day School with painter Nick Moore

Saturday 25 February • 10am -

4pm • £45/£35 conc.

This one day course will take a focused look at abstract painting both theoretically and practically. A hands-on painting workshop will explore the richness and versatility of the genre in various media



including acrylic paint and ink. Best for beginners and improvers. Materials supplied.

Fabric Printing

Saturday 1 April and 6 May

10am - 1pm • £30/£25 conc.

Be inspired by our current exhibition, **Pop Art in Print**, and develop the skills to design, cut and print onto fabric in this one day course with artist Kerry Day. Best for beginners and improvers. Materials supplied.

Special Wilson Café events just for you

25th Jan Burns Night and Whisky tasting

28th Jan Chinese New Year lunch menu

14th Feb Valentines Champagne afternoon tea for 2

28th Feb Shrove Tuesday dessert special

1st Mar St David's Day lunch

14th - 17th Mar Race Week Breakfast Offer

17th Mar St Patricks Day dinner

26th Mar Mothering Sunday afternoon tea for 2

14th to 16th Apr Children's Easter egg hunt events

23rd Apr St George's Day lunch

Visit www.wilsoncafe.co.uk for more information.



For more information, contact the Learning team on 01242 775 702 or learning@cheltenhamtrust.org.uk. Tickets are available from www.cheltenhamtownhall.org.uk or by calling 01242 237 431

Short Courses

Perfect for those with some existing interest or experience in a subject, but caters for absolute beginners too. Great for those seeking CPD or to expand their artistic practice.

Observational Drawing: A six week course

**Starts Thursday 26 January
6 – 8pm • £180/165 conc.**

Led by professional artist Claire Billingsley, this six week course will advance your drawing skills. Using a range of natural specimens as your subject-matter, you will work in a range of media, including pencil, pen, pastels and charcoal.

Best for beginners and improvers. Bring your own materials.

Painting Club

**Monthly, second Thursday
10am – 12.00pm • £6**

Join our monthly painting club to explore new painting and drawing techniques. With a friendly and professional tutor on hand this club will support the development of your artistic practice.

Bring your own materials and work-in-progress if you wish.

Printmaking: A six week course

**21 March, 28 March, 4 April,
25 April, 2 May, 9 May
10am-12:30pm • £180/165 conc.**

Learn to print with this six week course. Teaching artist Beth Jenkins will introduce you to a number of techniques including registration, reduction and multi-block printing to make successful lino prints in colour and black and white.

Best for beginners and improvers. Materials supplied.

Portraits in Pottery: A six week Ceramics Course

**14 March, 21 March, 28 March,
4 April, 25 April, 2 May
1.30 – 4.30pm
£200/£175 conc.**

Develop your ceramic skills with a six week course creating Andy Warhol-inspired ceramic portraits. This course will include observational drawing, construction in clay, glazing and much more with artist Claire Billingsley.

Suitable for beginners and improvers. Materials supplied.

Children's and Family Events

Arts Award - Art Explorers

**Every Wednesday in term time
until Wednesday 5 April
3.45 – 5.15pm • £4/£20 for six.**

Does your child want to develop their artistic skills? This weekly after-school art club builds their skills and work towards achieving Arts Award Discover. Booking recommended due to limited spaces. Why not pre-book a course of 6 and get one week free! Best for 8-12 year olds.

Chinese New Year

**28 January
10.30am – 12.30pm • Free
All ages**

It's the year of the Rooster! Celebrate the start of the new year with special performances by the students of Gloucestershire Mandarin School and other activities for all the family to get involved in.

Museum Explorers

**15 & 16 February, 12 & 19 April
10.30am - 12.30pm & 1.30 -
3.30pm. All Ages • £2 per child**

These child-friendly events will completely immerse your little explorer in the museum collection. They will hunt for artefacts and explore the mysterious stories behind them in these hands on sessions.

Pop Art Printing

**20 April • 10.30am – 12.30pm
& 1.30 – 3.30pm • £2 per child**

Learn to print Warhol style; this event will introduce printing techniques to children in a fun-filled environment.



Drop-in for all the family.
Best for ages 5- 12.

Tots and Tales

**Monthly, first Wednesday
10.30am – 11:15am • Under 5's
& parents • £2 per child**

Lose yourself in a story. Join our popular story-telling family session with your little ones to hear themed stories and enjoy creative activities.

Arty Sunday

**Monthly, last Sunday
11am-1pm • Families £2 per child**

Spend some precious quality time with your family getting crafty and creative at our regular drop-in art sessions. Drop-in for all the family. No need to pre-book.

The Learning Team at The Wilson offers history and art workshops for schools as well as Takeaway Loans crammed full of interesting artefacts to enhance your teaching. To receive information about our schools offer please email learning@cheltenhamtrust.org.uk

UNDER 5!
The Wilson will launch its new 'Under 5s' programme in Spring! Watch this space!

For more information, contact the Learning team on 01242 775 702 or learning@cheltenhamtrust.org.uk. Tickets are available from www.cheltenhamtownhall.org.uk or by calling 01242 237 431

The Wilson Arts Collective

The Wilson Arts Collective (The WAC) is a group for young people aged 15 – 25 who love the arts. The WAC plan and deliver activities and events for other young people, developing creative projects that engage with the collections and exhibitions at The Wilson.

WAC Weekly Meet-Up

Every Wednesday • 6 - 8pm • Free

If you are a creative young person and want to get involved in the projects the WAC create at The Wilson then come along to one of our informal meet-ups. No need to pre-book

Masterclass with Richard DeDomenici

28 & 29 January • 10am - 5pm Free

Spend the whole weekend with master of urban absurdism,

Richard DeDomenici, and take part in artistic interventions in the heart of Cheltenham. Richard DeDomenici makes work which is social, joyful, topical and political - although rarely simultaneously.

OFF THE WALL

18 March • 7 - 11pm • Free

Wilson Arts Collective takeover at The Wilson. Takeover events are designed by young people for young people, and feature some of the best young artists, musicians and performers Gloucestershire has to offer. Expect live music, performance art, film and lots more beside. Open to everyone.

For more information on the Collective contact Olly Tipper on oliver.tipper@cheltenhamtrust.org.uk

Hire The Wilson for your special event

Available for corporate events, meetings, children's and adult birthday parties and glittering celebrations. To find out more call or email Laura Bryon on 01242 264231 or laura.bryon@cheltenhamtrust.org.uk



Cheltenham's Tourist Information

Cheltenham's Tourist Information Centre is situated on the ground floor of The Wilson, offering a wide range of information and services both for the town and the wider area. We can book your accommodation, organise your public transport requirements including National Express tickets, suggest itineraries for you to make the most of your visit and provide literature on events and attractions. We sell tickets for local events, maps and guides to help your planning and souvenirs

to take away as a memento of your time here. Our friendly, knowledgeable and efficient staff will be pleased to see you and help you enjoy Cheltenham to the fullest extent.

Opening times:

Mon-Weds, Fri, Sat: 9.30am - 5.15pm

Thurs: 9.30am - 7.45pm

Sun: 10.30am - 4.00pm

Tourist Information



For more information please call 01242 237431 or email info@cheltenhamtrust.org.uk
www.visitcheltenham.com

The Wilson Shop

Visit The Wilson Shop and be inspired by our fantastic selection of books, gifts, toys, souvenirs and local produce. From bespoke designs to beloved brands The Wilson Shop has an incredible array of gifts to suit all pockets and ages. Not to be missed is 'The ARTium' displaying and selling original works and quality prints by local artists.

All purchased made at 'The Wilson Shop' help support the Wilson and The Cheltenham Trust.



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	Wed 11	WAC Weekly Meet-Up	6pm	15-25	Free		
	Thurs 12	Painting Club	10am	60+	£6		
	Wed 18	Art Explorers	3.45pm	8-12	£4		
	Wed 18	WAC Weekly Meet-Up	6pm	15-25	Free		
	Wed 25	Art Explorers	3.45pm	8-12	£4		
	Wed 25	WAC Weekly Meet-Up	6pm	15-25	Free		
	Starts Thurs 26	Observational Drawing: A six week course	6-8pm	15+	£180/£165		
	Sat 28	Chinese New Year	10.30am	All ages	Free		
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The Wilson Café

Located next to the museum, our talented chefs work closely with local suppliers to develop menus that make the most of the finest seasonal ingredients. From freshly made cakes and coffee, to delicious lunches and afternoon teas, we never compromise on freshness or flavour.

Wilson Café events and offers!

See page 13 for a full list or visit www.wilsoncafe.co.uk for more information.

Café open Mon-Weds, Fri, Sat:

9am - 5pm

Thurs: 9am - 7.30pm,

Sun: 11am - 4pm



PITTVILLE SUNDAYS

AT PITTVILLE PUMP ROOM

The Cheltenham Trust is excited to launch a new series of events - *Pittville Sundays* - at the Pittville Pump Room during the winter months, presenting a diverse array of musicians with unexpected programmes in intimate surroundings.



The Sweet Sound of New Orleans
Sunday 19 February, 3.00pm



Celebrating Mum
Sunday 26 March, 11.15am



Edwina Hayes
Sunday 12 March, 3.00pm



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