What’s On
ART GALLERY & PARK
February – June 2018

Compton Verney

All season
Collection Tour
Daily, 2pm
Tiny Tuesdays
Every Tue, term-time, 11.30am – 3pm
Parkland Tour
First Thu of the month, 11am – 3pm
Early Years Forest School
Every Thu, term-time, 10.30am – 12 noon
Dining room
Week Sun-Thurs
Exhibition Tour
24 Mar – 23 Apr: Ravilious & Co: The Pattern of Friendship
24 Apr – 23 May: English Artists: Designers 1922 – 1942
24 May – 9 Jun: Created in Conflict: British Soldier Art from the Crimean War to Today
Tai Chi
Every Wed of the month, 2pm – 3pm
Art in the Afternoon
Every Fri of the month, 2.30pm – 4pm
Dementia Café
Every second Thu of the month, 10.30am – 1.30pm

February
Compton Verney Estate Walk
From Sat 10 Feb
February Forest School
Thu 15 Feb & Thu 22 Feb, 11am – 3pm

March
Gold Member Preview
Fri 16 Mar, 2pm – 4.30pm
Curators’ Tour and Tea
Thu 22 Mar, 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Garter Trail
Sat 30 Mar – Sat 11 Apr
11am – 3pm
British Folk Art Trail
From Sat 31 Mar

April
Forest School
Thu 5 Apr & Thu 12 Apr, 11am – 4pm
Home from Home
Sat 7 Apr and Sun 8 Apr, 11am – 4pm
Armistice Family Day
Sun 8 Apr
In Conversation: Making, Collecting and Curating Soldier Art
Thu 12 Apr, 2.30pm – 3.30pm

May
Ravilious & Co: The Pattern of Friendship
Thu 3 May, 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Words on Weight of Duty
Sun 5 May – Sat 11 May
11am – 4pm
Arts & Designers: Build a Book
Sat 26 May – Fri 1 Jun
11am – 4pm

June
My Favourite Object
Thu 12 Jun – Fri 6 Jul, 11am – 4pm
Compton Verney Fayre
Sun 24 Jun

Please note that ticketed events are non-refundable.
*Dad’s and Grandad’s go FREE

Welcome to our marvellously rich and varied 2018 season, which showcases the most inspirational, entertaining and thought-provoking cultural programme in the Midlands.

After the park opens in February, March sees the launch of our exceptional exhibition programme. Ravilious & Co examines the incomparable art of Eric Ravilious alongside work by his contemporaries, including our own Enid Marx. Created in Conflict is a must-see show created in collaboration with the National Army Museum and Cardiff University, which looks at art – from paintings and quilts to toys and game pieces – created by servicemen and women from the Crimean War to today. Thanks to generous grants from statutory and individual donors, we also relaunch our British Folk Art Collection, which has been completely redisplayed to offer new interpretations of these fascinating galleries. I would like to extend our thanks to our collaborators, artists Mark Hearld and designers Schimmer Child.

2018 is definitely the year to celebrate the renowned multidisciplinary artist, Enid Marx. Not only will Alan Powers’ fabulous new biography of the designer be launched at Compton Verney in the spring, we will also preview new work by artists at Coventry University in response to the breadth and imagination of the Marx-Lambert collection.

Our regular drop-in events, Tiny Tuesdays and our thriving Dementia Café, will also return, alongside our ever-popular Forest School. In addition we will host a wide variety of events to complement our artistic programme. There’s never been more to see and do at Compton Verney. So please come and join us – and please spread the word!

Professor Steven Parisien
Chief Executive

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Eric Ravilious (1903-42) is now recognised as one of the most important and popular British artists of the 20th century. This major new exhibition explores the influence of Ravilious and his circle, and their remarkable impact on British art and design in the 1930s and 1940s.

Based on new research and telling a previously untold story, it chronicles the personal and professional relationships between Ravilious and artist-designers such as Paul Nash, John Nash, Emil Metz, Barnett Freedman, Eileen Garwood, Thomas Hennell, Douglas Percy Bliss, Peggy Angus, Helen Binyon, Diana Low, and one of his closest friends, Edward Bawden.

Ravilious & Co brings together nearly 500 paintings, prints, drawings, engravings, books, ceramics, wallpapers, and textiles, many rarely shown and previously unknown. These fascinating works highlight key moments in the artists’ lives and work from first meetings at the Royal College of Art, to the evolution of their artistic practices into commercial and industrial design.

The exhibition has been created to mark the 75th anniversary of Ravilious’ tragic and mysterious early death in Iceland during the Second World War, and it finishes on a remarkable series of works from his time as an official war artist.

FREE entry for Members
Sat 17 March – Sun 10 June

Ravilious & Co: The Pattern of Friendship, English Artist Designers 1922-1942

Eric Ravilious,
The Greenhouse Cyclamen and Tomatoes, 1935. Presented by Sir Geoffrey and Hon. Lady Fry in memory of the artist 1943. ©Tate

Eric Ravilious,
The Westbury Horse, 1939. Towner Art Gallery, Eastbourne

Daily Exhibition Tour
Sat 24 Mar – Sun 10 Jun, 12 noon and 2.30pm
Explore the two current exhibitions with this enlightening 45 minute tour led by our expert Gallery Interpreters.
FREE for Members and visitors with a valid DAY TICKET.

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Curators’ Tour and Tea:
Ravilious & Co and Created in Conflict
Thu 22 Mar, 2.30pm - 3.30pm
An opportunity to learn more about the exhibitions and the importance of featured pieces from their respective curators with Alison Cox and Dr Army Orrock, followed by an informal discussion over tea and cake.

Ravilious & Co: The Pattern of Friendship Talk
Thu 3 May, 2.30pm - 3.30pm
Join Andy Friend, curator and author of the book on which the exhibition is based, as he gives a unique insight into the life and work of Eric Ravilious and his circle. Followed by a book signing with the author.

Members £10
Annual Pass Holders £18.50
Non-Members £25*
Spring Exhibition

Created in Conflict: British Soldier Art from the Crimean War to Today

Sat 17 March – Sun 10 June

An important glimpse into the humanity that lies beneath the horrors of war.

A showcase of the incredible resourcefulness and diversity of artwork made by British Armed Forces personnel. With key loans from the V&A, the Imperial War Museum and the Museum of Military Medicine, the exhibition will feature a rich variety of resonant items including tankards made by soldiers in the trenches during World War I, game pieces carved by Prisoners of War during World War II, and toys and quilts made by convalescing soldiers.

Addressing a broad time period, the exhibition will consider the enduring themes raised by war, including ways of keeping in touch with home, patriotism, loyalty and the treatment of veterans.

Paintings, photographs and insightful collaborations between veterans and contemporary artists will demonstrate the power of artworks to make us feel both better and worse about war.

The exhibition will be accompanied by a special publication written by Professor Holly Furneaux, which will be available to purchase from our shop.

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Armed Forces Family Day
Sun 8 Apr

As part of our commitment to the local military community, we invite serving and retired personnel and their families to visit for free on Sunday 8 April to see the exhibition and enjoy Compton Verney. Simply show your military ID and receive FREE entry for you and up to four family members.

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From a tiny match-box house to full-scale quilts, the objects on display in Created in Conflict reveal how, in times of war, making has often been an act of survival – both practically and emotionally. Join exhibition curators Professor Holly Furneaux, ceramic artist Dr. Christopher McHugh, collector James Gordon Cumming and military veterans in conversation about the complex legacies of these unique objects. The talk takes place in The Studio and tickets include entry to the exhibition.

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Gold Member Preview

Fri 16 Mar, 2pm – 4.30pm

Gold Members are invited to join us for a chance to explore our two new exhibitions, Ravilious & Co and Created in Conflict, before they open to the public. Each adult member can bring up to 4 family children (aged 5-15) for FREE. In addition, Gold Members can enjoy 10% off in our Gift Shop and Compton Kitchen.

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From Sat 17 March

Compton Verney is excited to be redisplaying our popular British Folk Art Collection. We have worked with artist Mark Hearld, who as well as reimagining the existing collection has produced work in response to it, including a wallpaper entitled ‘Compton Verney’. Mark takes his inspiration from flora and fauna of the British countryside and works across a number of mediums, producing lithographic and linocut prints, paintings, collages and hand-painted ceramics. He has completed commissions for Faber & Faber and Tate Museums and has worked with Yorkshire Sculpture Park and most recently with York Museum & Art Gallery.

The redisplayed collection features new interpretation and lighting, helping to make the collection more interesting and engaging for visitors. This opportunity to give the collection the recognition it deserves has only been made possible with external funding.

Compton Verney are also extremely grateful for assistance for this project from a recent legacy.

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six artists celebrate

Enid Marx and the British Folk Art Collection

Opening Sat 17 Mar

A collaboration with Coventry University sees six artists creating work in response to Compton Verney’s Marx-Lambert collection of popular art. Artists JR In Lumoza and Jonathan Walker are the first to present their responses. Come back throughout 2018 to see the rest.

Portrait Miniatures Redisplay

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Enjoy the Art

Art in the Afternoon
4 Apr, 2 May, 6 Jun, 2pm - 4pm
Learn new skills to improve your confidence and drawing techniques. Classes take place in the galleries or outside in the park. A great way to relax, learn and make new friends.

Members £6 per session
Annual Pass Holders £8 per session
Non-Members £15 per session*
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Daily Collection Tour
Tue - Sun, 2pm
Discover the history and stories behind the art in one of our six permanent art collections.

My Favourite Object
Tue 12 Jun - Fri 6 Jul, 12 noon
Each team member has their own favourite artwork in the collection. Find out what they have discovered about their much-loved item and why they’d take it home with them if they could!

All events and activities are included in standard DAY TICKET admission and are FREE for Members and Annual Pass holders unless otherwise stated.

Little Adventures

Early Years Forest School
Every Thu, 12.30pm - 2.30pm from Thu 22 Mar during term time
Learn forest crafts outside in our Forest School site. Take part in a range of activities for all ages and abilities.

Members £6 per session
Annual Pass Holders £8 per session
Non-Members £15 per session*
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Tai Chi
Third Sat of every month at 11am from May - Jul 10.30am - 12pm
Join Susan Tai Chi and learn the graceful, flowing movements of this traditional Chinese exercise in our beautiful parkland.

Members/Annual Pass holders £7 per session, Non-Members £14 per session* BOOK NOW 01926 645 500
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**Easter Trail**

**Fri 30 & Sat 31 Mar, 11am – 4pm**

Join us for an Easter adventure that the whole family can enjoy. Where has the giant bunny hidden his ‘eggciting’ clues? Will you be able to catch the crazy carrot? Will you solve the puzzle to claim your chocolaty prize?

£3 per child

Please note you will need a valid Membership, Annual Pass or DAY TICKET

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**Forest Schools**

**Thu 15 Feb & 22 Feb, 11am – 3pm**

If you go down to the woods and play you’ll be sure of a winter surprise. Come and make a bird nest and feed the ‘bird kitchen’. We’ll have the fire on to keep you warm!

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Spring into action at the Forest School Site and make ‘Spring Musical’ crafts. Come and see the seasonal changes of Compton Verney’s plants and trees as we head into Spring.

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Indulge your inner artisan with stalls and demonstrations for all the family. Showcasing a wonderful range of local arts, crafts and food and drink producers, you won’t want to miss this fantastic day out in the beautiful surroundings of our parkland.

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Family activities

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Compton Verney Estate Walk
From Sat 10 Feb
Follow our map and discover the history of the grounds. The Compton Verney Estate Walk is 3.5 miles long and takes approximately 2 hours. Available to download from our website or pick up in the Welcome Centre.

British Folk Art Trail
From Sat 31 Mar
Explore the family-friendly British Folk Art collection with a new trail to take you round the highlights of our brand new redisplay.

Discover Compton Verney

Family activities

Home from Home
Sat 7 Apr & Sun 8 Apr, 11am - 4pm
Be inspired by the Created in Conflict exhibition and make a box of gifts to send home. Use recycled materials to make your own folk art objects and take them home with you.

Words on ‘Weight of Duty’
Sat 5 May – Mon 7 May, 11am – 4pm
Help build a collaborative ‘Weight of Duty’. Make a sign using cardboard and attach it to a pole. Tell us about your experience, where you’ve been, or write a poem.

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Looking ahead to Summer 2018

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FREE entry for Members.

Conrad Carpenter

Free entry for Members. Group Bookings now being taken. Contact Emily on 01926 645 516

Rodney Peppé’s World of Invention

Sat 30 June – Sun 30 September

Enter the joyful and colourful world of Rodney Peppé’s wonderful creations, from moving mechanical toys to a host of timeless characters in his beautifully illustrated books for children. This exhibition will offer a fascinating insight into Rodney Peppé’s creative career as a toy, automation and model maker, as a children’s author and illustrator and as graphic designer and artist. Pull the string, twist the lever, spin the wheel and something wonderful will happen!

Local, national and international corporate members can promote their brand, products and services to our 90,000 annual visitors, whilst providing invaluable support to our exhibition, learning and events programmes. They also enjoy a wide range of benefits including free tickets, private view invitations and discounts on room hire. For more details please contact the Development Department on 01926 645 562.

Corporate Membership

Just as Robert Adam’s portico supports the mansion and welcomes all who enter, we want to thank those who leave Compton Verney a gift in their will and make it possible for us to continue caring for and sharing our collections, landscape and built heritage.

Members of the exclusive Portico Society will receive:

• A limited edition Portico Society tie or scarf
• An invitation to the annual Portico Lecture and Luncheon
• Thrice yearly Inside Compton Verney e-magazines.

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A Unique and Unforgettable Venue

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Enjoy FREE entry to our Special Exhibitions, six Permanent Collections and Park for 12 months.

Two family children go FREE and Members receive discounts on selected talks and events.

Save 10% with annual Direct Debit. Simply sign up when you visit.

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- Exclusive Previews of Exhibitions
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Available as Individual (£32) and Joint (£62) Gift Membership Vouchers.

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Eat and Drink

The delicious menu at Compton Kitchen includes homemade soup of the day with artisan bread, a range of bloomer and deli sandwiches, toasted pannini and a salad bar where customers can create their own salad from a fresh selection.

The menu is reviewed seasonally, has specials such as the chargrilled Verney burger in a seeded brioche bun with shoe string fries and fish stew with choric and cannellini beans served with chargrilled bread. As well as their tempting offer, younger guests can pick from their own menu.

Compton Kitchen also caters for dietary needs, including vegan options such as oven-roasted pepper filled with lentil tabbouleh and dairy-free options such as beetroot chocolate fudge cake.

Amaeus is keen to support the local economy by sourcing local ingredients, with 47% of all suppliers used being based locally.

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Visitor information

Public transport links

Bus: The Number 6 bus runs Mon-Sat and stops at Compton Verney Art Gallery & Park – Spring Hill. The 67A and 67B bus service running on Sundays and most Bank Holidays’ final stop is Compton Verney Art Gallery & Park. For further information visit: www.stagecoachbus.com/
Rail: The nearest stations are Leamington Spa, Banbury and Stratford-upon-Avon.

Access
The Gallery is fully accessible on all floors, and there are wheelchair friendly paths throughout the Park. Large print guides, wheelchairs and hearing loops are available. Assistance dogs are welcome.

Dogs
Assistance dogs only in the Gallery and main park. Dogs on leads are allowed along the footpath in the Old Town Meadow only.

Parking
Parking is free. Blue badge spaces are available. Visitors can be dropped off at the gallery.

Shuttle bus
Available throughout the season from the car park to the gallery. Subject to volunteer availability.

Group visits
Discounted admission, free organiser tickets and exclusive offers are available for groups of 15+. Call Emily on 01926 645 516 for more details.

Further information
Please call 01926 645 500 or email info@comptonverney.org.uk

Opening times
Open Tue - Sun and Bank Holidays
Gallery from 17 Mar
Exhibition, Galleries and Activities 11am - 5pm.
Last entry one hour before closing.
Compton Kitchen 10.30am - 4.30pm

How to find us
We are situated 9 miles south-east of Stratford-upon-Avon, on the B4086 between Wellesbourne and Kineton. From the M40 take junction 12 or 15 and follow the brown signs.

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