

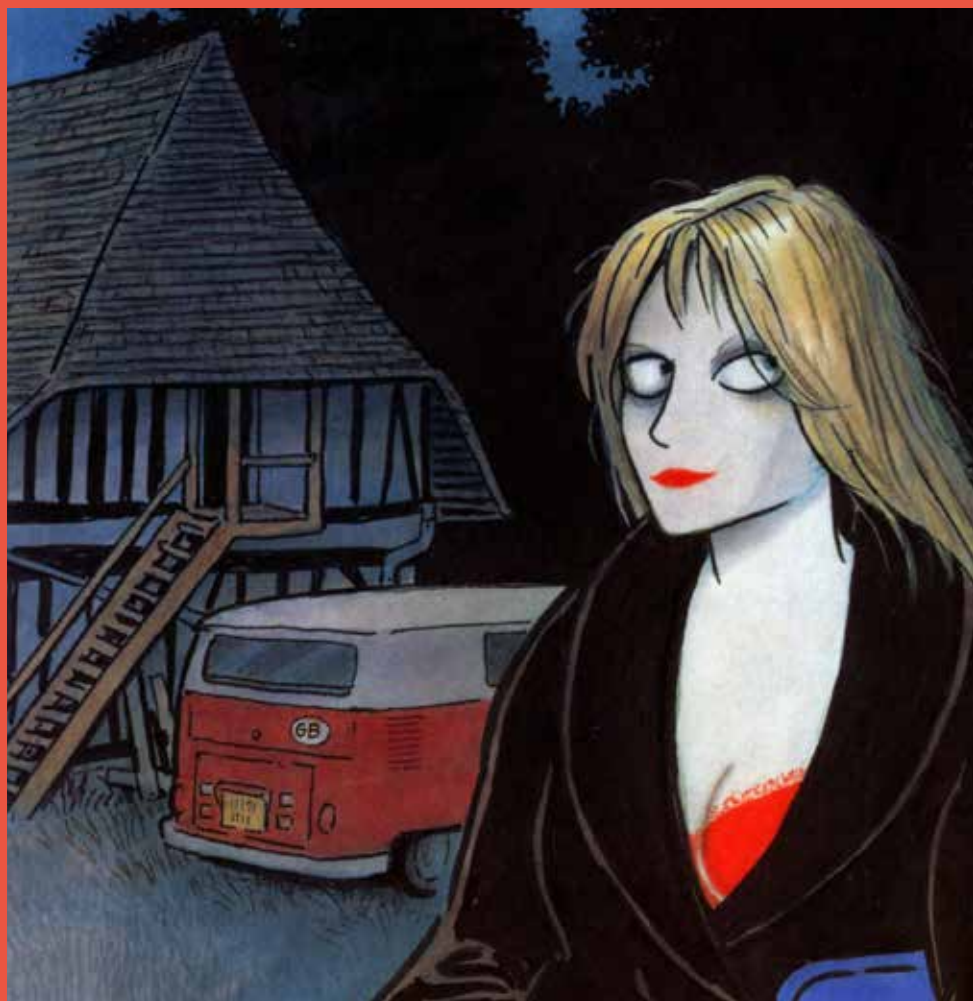
Harrogate

The Royal Pump Room Museum

The Mercer Art Gallery

Knaresborough Castle and Museum

What's On 2018



Come on in!

Something for Everyone

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Our museums and gallery sit proudly in the heart of Harrogate and remain a constant through changing times. This year we're taking part in national commemorations for events that created cataclysmic change: the Great War, the move towards the emancipation of women throughout the 20th century and advances in medicine since the Victorian era. Our sense of place remains local too; join us for our many events throughout the year, including artists' talks, birthday celebrations and courtroom dramas.

All information correct at time of going to press.

↓ Anna Zinkeisen (1901-1976) Valley Gardens, Harrogate, c. 1930s © Estate of the Artist



Dive in and discover the sights, smells and tastes of The Royal Pump Room Museum.

Bring out the bunting! The museum marks its 65th birthday this year. With a nod to the 1950s and our plans to create a museum fit for the future, the Pump Room shows no signs of slowing down. We'll be out and about with our pop up museum for the first time this year too, so look out for us at local events throughout 2018. Join in and tell us what a museum for a 21st century Harrogate might look like.



The Royal Pump Room Museum

Crown Place, Harrogate HG1 2RY

Open

Monday to Saturday 10.30am – 5.00pm,
Sunday 2.00 – 5.00pm, closes at 4pm
November through March
Closed 23 – 26 December, 1 January
and 8 – 26 January

Ticket prices

£4.00 adults, £2.50 children, £3.00
concessions, £12.00 family ticket (2+3)

Great value all year season tickets,
also includes entry to Knaresborough
Castle: £12.70 adults, £6.70 children,
£9.70 concessions, £20 family

*All events included in museum ticket
unless otherwise stated.*

Access

Level access throughout. Automatic
doors at entrance. The information
desk is equipped with a hearing
induction loop.

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↑ The Royal Pump Room Museum © Simon Miles

↑ Herbert Pickard Templar (1863-1945)

Detail of 'Trippers on the Stray' c. 1894

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Would you go to a bar or café that only sold water? What if it reeked of sulphur? Welcome to Harrogate's famous Pump Room. First built in 1842, it wasn't unusual for 1500 glasses of water to be served each morning. The museum now tells the fashionable story of Harrogate and the daily spa routine, a place for health and happiness.

Events

Bad Girls and Bonnets:

Jane Austen's guide to being brazen

Saturday 17 February

3.00 – 4.30pm

£10.00 includes refreshments

The History Wardrobe presents a bold, brash and beautiful celebration of Austen's wicked women, and a truly revelatory look at clothes and crime in the eighteenth century – an era when stocking-theft or silk smuggling carried serious penalties...

Film Night:

Night at the Museum double bill

Saturday 3 March

3.00 – 5.00pm Night at the Museum:

6.00 – 8.00pm Night at the Museum:

Battle of the Smithsonian

£5.50 per film

Ever fancied getting locked in a museum? Now's your chance as part of Harrogate Film Festival! Enjoy a double bill of *Night at the Museum* and *Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian* showing in and amongst our exhibits – do they come to life once the doors are locked...?

Supported by Harrogate Film Festival and Harrogate High School.



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Meet the Curator

Tuesdays 6 March, 8 May, 3 July,

4 September, 6 November

2.00 – 3.30pm

Included in your museum admission ticket

Discover some of the amazing items in our museum collections in the company of our curator.

Testing the Waters!

Saturday 10 March

1.30 – 3.30pm

Included in your museum admission ticket.

Did Harrogate's famous waters really have a beneficial effect on the thousands of visitors who flocked to take the cure? Join our Scientist-in-Residence Matt Holmes to view the Sulphur wells, discover his research on how Harrogate's waters and medical treatments have been used over time and his surprising links to today's approach to health and well-being. You can carry out experiments on the different mineral waters and also take a tour to the Magnesia Well in Valley Gardens.



↓ Betty Lupton, famous Victorian water server



British Science Week workshops for Schools

12 – 16 March

£50 half day, £90 full day (£10 extra for schools outside the Harrogate district)

Book a half day workshop to discover the science behind Harrogate's healing waters. Learn which illnesses might have been cured by spa treatments and how they are treated today, then conduct experiments to discover the properties of different Harrogate waters. Complete your Harrogate spa history visit with an afternoon walk to explore how the healing waters shaped the development of Harrogate as a spa town.

Birthday Open House

Tuesday 22 May

11.00am – 4.00pm

Free entry all day

Join us as we celebrate our 65th birthday with a 1950s vintage style tearoom and music in the museum to enjoy throughout the day.

Heritage Open Days

Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 September

Enjoy free entry to the museum. Heritage Open days celebrate England's fantastic architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission. Discover other interesting local places to visit: www.heritageopendays.org.uk



Celebrate the Holiday Season

Thursday 27 and Friday 28 December

Celebrate the Holiday Season with free museum admission.

↙↘ Items from the 1950s from the Museum's collections.



↓ Janet Rawlins, Open-air Market, Harrogate, French week, 1955
© The Artist



Love art for free at the Mercer Art Gallery.

2018 at the Mercer includes a celebration of women's art, a glorious show of Great Yorkshire Art, Posy Simmonds' wonderfully witty cartoons and the fascinating lives led by British-Hungarian artists in the North of England during the mid-twentieth century.

Enjoy our first ever drama festival of one-woman shows, sign up for our new short, sharp History of Art courses, and don't forget the Mercer Art Gallery shop for unique books, cards, jewellery and contemporary art at affordable prices.



The Mercer Art Gallery

Swan Road, Harrogate HG1 2SA

Open

Tuesday to Saturday 10.00am – 5.00pm

Sunday 2.00 – 5.00pm

Closes 4.00pm November – March

Closed Mondays except Bank Holidays

Closed 23 – 26 December and 1 January

Ticket prices

Free Admission

Access

Ramped access at the side door.

Toilet facilities for wheelchair users.

The Mercer Art Gallery is equipped with a hearing induction loop.

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↑ Moor and Dale: John Rayner with Crook, Nidderdale, 2003

Photograph by Tessa Bunney © The Artist

↑ Moor and Dale: The Shepherdess, Nidderdale, 2003

Photograph by Tessa Bunney © The Artist

Exhibitions & Events

The End of the War: Brangwyn's War Posters Saturday 20 January to Sunday 10 June 2018

Contemplate our outstanding collection of War posters by Frank Brangwyn (1867–1956) in an exhibition to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War. Brangwyn's powerful graphics and hard-hitting subject matter raised sympathy and support for British and allied forces and victims of the Great War.



Create your own protest posters! Half term course for young people aged 10 and over 30, 31 May and 1 June 10.30am – 1.00pm £40 for the 3 sessions

Something new for the school holidays: work with artist Jane Carlisle Bellerby to explore what makes a great poster. Generate impact with image, text and composition as you create your own portfolio of protest art, inspired by our exhibition of Brangwyn posters.

- ↓ Atkinson Grimshaw (1836 – 1893), Silver Moonlight, 1880
- ← Frank Brangwyn (1867-1956), Orphelinat des Armées, 1
© Estate of the Artist



Picturing Women Saturday 13 January to Sunday 17 June 2018

Marking 100 years since women first got the vote, this exhibition celebrates the work of inspirational women artists past and present. An exciting mix of historic and contemporary art from the Harrogate collection includes, for example, portraits by pioneer photographer Julia Margaret Cameron next to Victoria Brookland's Gothic style ink drawings, paintings by Dame Laura Knight, Margaret Hunter, Eileen Cooper, Sarah Pickstone and many more.

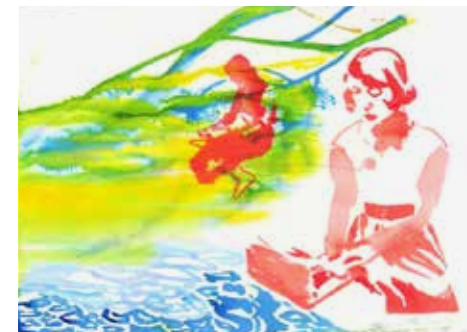
Great Yorkshire Art from the Harrogate Collection Saturday 23 June to Sunday 16 September 2018

We complement the Great Exhibition of the North in Newcastle/Gateshead this summer with a show of glorious Yorkshire art. Enjoy top favourites from our collections such as Atkinson Grimshaw's *Silver Moonlight* plus recent work by celebrated Yorkshire artist Jake Attree and a selection of Fred Lawson's paintings of Wensleydale life and landscape from private collections.

In partnership with Messum's, London.



- ↓ Sarah Pickstone, *Sylvia Googled*, 2010 © The Artist
- Posy Simmonds, © Victor Schiferli



Posy Simmonds: Original Artwork and Unseen Sketches Saturday 16 June to Sunday 9 September

Newspaper cartoonist, author and illustrator of children's books and prize-winning graphic novelist, Posy Simmonds is a national treasure and subject of this retrospective show. *Gemma Boverly*, her reflection on Flaubert's famous novel and *Tamara Drewe*, her take on Thomas Hardy - a Stephen Frears film in 2010 - brought her an international reputation.

Posy Simmonds In Conversation Monday 3 September 2.00 – 3.30pm £8.00

Posy Simmonds talks about her art to Paul Gravett, journalist, author and all round expert on comics publishing and illustration.

Supported by the Friends of the Mercer Art Gallery.



Painting Women: an Art History short course
Monday 12 February, 12 March, and 16 April
2.00 – 4.00pm

£45 for the course, includes refreshments

Get up close and personal with the lives and work of women in art from the mid-19th century to the present day in the first of our new Art History courses led by art historian and curator Jane Sellars. This series of illustrated talks, gallery tours, discussions and handling sessions will reveal the extraordinary strength and diversity of British women artists.

↓ Margaret Hunter, Cross Your Heart, 1988 © The Artist



Women's Voices

Tickets £10 each or £25 for three

A festival of one-women shows shares the experiences of three very different British women during the 2018 Centenary of Women's Suffrage.

Nina: Queen of Bohemia

Presented by Yellow Leaf Theatre and written and performed by Vanessa Rosenthal
Saturday 24 March

7.00pm in the Royal Pump Room Museum
£10 includes a glass of Prosecco

"I had artistic gifts, my dear, but life, love and cafe society proved too enticing." The artist Nina Hamnett (1890 – 1956) led a reckless life in Bohemian London in the 1920s to the 1950s. Over several gins the once celebrated, now neglected, artist shares her tragic, comic story.

Hair Apparent: A Voyage Around My Roots

Written and performed by Tina Shingler
Saturday 19 May

7.00pm in the Mercer Art Gallery
£10 includes a glass of Prosecco

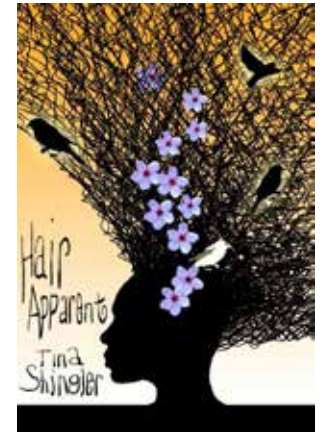
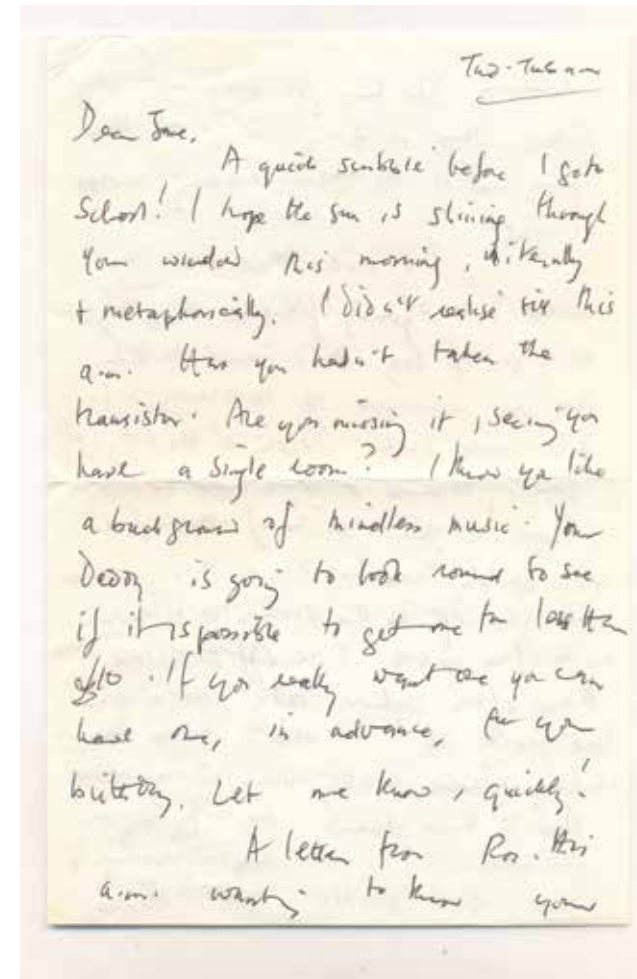
From Yorkshire to India, Italy, and the USA, here's one woman's exploration of identity, race, and how to grow as resilient and versatile as your own kinky hair.



Letters From My Mother

Written and presented by Jane Sellars
Monday 4 June 2.00pm in the Mercer Art Gallery
£10 includes cake, tea and coffee.

'Dear Jane, A quick scribble before I go to school! I hope the sun is shining through your window this morning, literally & metaphorically. I didn't realise till this a.m. that you hadn't taken the transistor... I know you like a background of mindless music ...' Jane Sellars looks back at the letters her mother wrote to her in the 1970s when she left home for University. She wrote a book about the letters which became a drama serial for BBC Radio 4's *Woman's Hour* in 2004. Hear Jane talk about her family history and how her writing was recreated as drama.



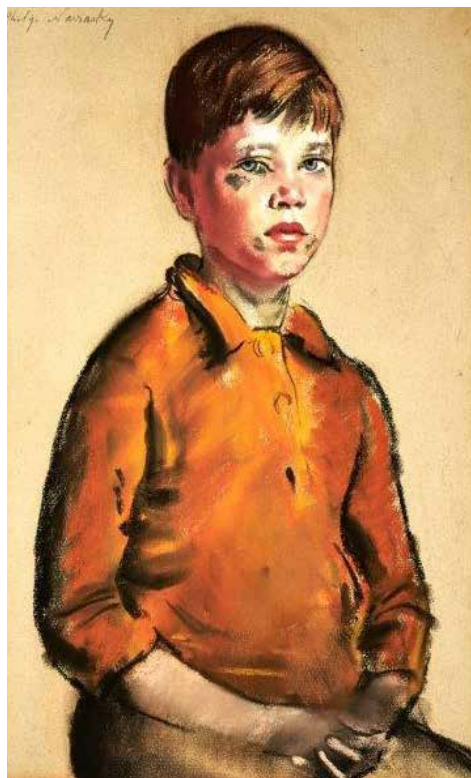
↑ Jane Sellars, Letters From My Mother © Jane Sellars

↗ Hair Apparent, designed by Chris Duggan © Chris Duggan

↗ Nina Hamnett (1890 – 1956) The Sketch Club, 1919 © Estate of the Artist

**Our Friends from Abroad:
Harrogate Fine Art Collection
Saturday 15 September 2018 to
Sunday 6 January 2019**

The cultural diversity of the artists represented in the Mercer's permanent collection is brought to light in a selection of paintings and drawings including works by John Singer Sargent, David Bomberg, Jacob Kramer, George du Maurier and more. Also, a group of works for sale by Hungarian artist Zsuzsi Roboz (1929 – 2012) from the Roboz Trust.



**Their Safe Haven: British-Hungarian
Artists 1930 – 1980, refugee artists
in the North of England,
Saturday 22 September 2018 to
Sunday 13 January 2019**

Hungarian artist Jean-Georges Simon fled to Britain in the 1930s and for 25 years lived and taught in Harrogate. A major new exhibition reveals the work of Simon and fellow refugee artists who found new lives as British citizens, including: Joseph Bato, artist and movie art director; Klara Biller, graphic designer; Val Biro, author and illustrator; Gyorgy Gordon, painter and George Buday wood engraver. Rarely seen works are loaned from national and private collections, accompanied by a new book from author and curator Robert Waterhouse. Supported by the Friends of the Mercer Art Gallery.



- ← Philip Naviasky (1894-1983), Farmer's Boy, c.1928
© Estate of the Artist
- ↓ George Buday (1907-1990), Self Portrait in the Studio
Imperial War Museum London ©IWM (Art. IWM ART 17107)



Attack! Knaresborough Castle and Museum

It may seem peaceful now, but Knaresborough Castle was once a mighty stronghold of medieval kings. Take in the awe-inspiring views and then discover the dungeon, ancient graffiti and special secret tunnel. Inside the museum you'll find tales of local characters including Blind Jack, Guy Fawkes and Mother Shipton. You'll also find the rare, original Tudor court room where suspected criminals faced public trial.



Knaresborough Castle and Museum
Castle Yard, Knaresborough HG5 8AS

Open

11.00am – 4.00pm every day
Daily from Wednesday 28 March to
Sunday 9 September. Also Saturday
15 September (Heritage Open Day)
and Saturday 27 October to Sunday 4
November.

Ticket prices

£3.50 adults, £2 children, £2.50
concessions, £10.00 family ticket (2+3)



Great value all year season tickets, also
includes entry to the Royal Pump Room
Museum: £12.70 adults, £6.70 children,
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St Robert of Knaresborough

2018 is the 800th anniversary of the death of St Robert of Knaresborough. Robert Floure was born in York around 1160. He lived as a hermit in a small riverside cave at the far end of Abbey Road in Knaresborough. He had a great reputation as a holy man, miracle worker and healer. Many pilgrims visited him in his cave, including King John in 1216. A very pleasant walk of over one mile along Abbey Road from Low Bridge will bring you to the site of St Robert's Cave.

Events

Family Fun Day

Saturday 14 April

11.00am – 4.00pm

£2 adults, £1 children.

Small charges for some activities, free games.

Enjoy a relaxing day of games, crafts and a chance to start your own Spring seedlings, with discount entry to the Castle, museum and sallyport.

Civil War in Knaresborough

Sunday 8 July

11.00am – 4.00pm

See the Castle, sallyport and museum for just £2 adults and concessions, £1 child.

A spectacular experience from the days of the English Civil War, as re-enactors from the Sir Thomas Glemham's Regiment of the Sealed Knot Society create a living history village with cameos of 17th century life. Let us transport you back to a time when the sights and sounds of musket and pike drills, cannon and firing guns filled the Knaresborough air.

↓ Courtesy of the Sir Thomas Glemham's Regiment of the Sealed Knot Society



Knaresborough Bed Race

Saturday 9 June

Enjoy the build-up to the Knaresborough Bed Race which starts from the castle grounds.

See the decorated beds and costumed crews as the judging for the best dressed beds gets underway before the big race.

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

Sunday 22 July

7.30 – 10.00pm including interval

Adult £15, Child £10 Family

(2 adults, 2 children) £46,

under 5s free.

Doors open 6.30pm

Deep in the beautiful Northumbrian countryside a terrifying mystery and a legendary nemesis await the arrival of the world's greatest detective. When the wife of Doctor Watson suddenly disappears, a desperate quest to find her begins. Sherlock Holmes comes face to face with his greatest fear at the hands of his mortal enemy in this stunning new tale of romance and suspense.

Bring a picnic and your own seating.

The performance will take place whatever the weather.

The Castle Under Siege!

Saturday 11 August

11.00am – 4.00pm

£2 adults, £1 children bookable in advance.

A special day discovering the weapons and weak spots that were used to attack Knaresborough Castle in the past. Make your own weapons and take a tour to attack the ramparts!

Heritage Open Days

Saturday 15 September

There are bookable tours at 11.00am, 12.00pm,

2.00pm and 3.00pm.

Enjoy free entry to the Keep and Courthouse Museum. Heritage Open days celebrate England's fantastic architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission. Discover other interesting local places to visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk



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Creepy Castle!

27 October – 4 November

Usual admission applies

Bookable events at an extra charge.

Join us for spooky happenings at Knaresborough Castle in October half term. Each day you can enjoy crafts and trails, discover our ghostly guests in the castle grounds, and take part Treacherous Trials in our interactive courtroom drama. Your ticket includes the secret underground tunnel, dungeon and museum too!

Monday 29 – Friday 2 November book one of our Pungent Potions workshops and look out for details of our Ghostly Gander walks to discover the ghosts of the Castle and town.



Stay in touch

Keep an eye on us for exciting updates about what we're up to throughout the year by visiting: harrogate.gov.uk/museums and following us on social media.

