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## The Leamington Society

# Newsletter

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### CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

#### Royal Spa Centre

It is good that the Spa Centre is up and running again with a new season. The new manager (Antony Flint) and his team appear to have made the most of modest funds in the recent renovation. Now there seems a good prospect of audiences picking up in response to a wider range of programmes. At a recent film in the small Studio/Cinema, instead of the customary handful, I was part of an audience approaching a hundred.

Most encouragingly, those who came to Antony Flint's talk earlier this year, will have been impressed by his ideas and commitment. As the saying goes, use it or lose it, so let us hope Leamington responds with enthusiasm. To find out what is on, the box office number is 01926 334418 or go to [www.warwick.gov.uk/WDC/RoyalSpaCentre](http://www.warwick.gov.uk/WDC/RoyalSpaCentre)

#### Re-Cycling on the Go

This refers to the new re-cycling bins which are appearing around the town. They are large, 1.34 metres wide (nearly 4½ feet), inevitably quite prominent and not attractive. The idea is that with labelled compartments – for paper / plastic bottles / newspapers & magazines / drink cans / litter – passers-by will bin their waste sorting it at the same time.

Undoubtedly a key problem has often been simple lack of capacity, especially after week-end events when, for example, the Pump Room Gardens are left covered in discarded rubbish. But will a litter lout – confronted by a multi-chamber bin – suddenly convert to a re-cycler on the go? Perhaps one should not jump to cynical assumptions. The District's push on increased re-cycling of household rubbish has on the whole been a considerable success after the inevitable teething problems and grumbles. Maybe, just maybe, this new scheme will work better than one fears.

Unfortunately these new bins do not provide for glass bottles, which would apparently be too heavy if collected in a full bin compartment. And, why are there two paper compartments? However this is in part a trial so we must wait to see how it goes.

#### Clarendon Arcade

There has been no obvious movement on this planning application since our August Newsletter. The scheme is large and intrusive, involving numerous adjoining properties, business landlords and

#### *Dates for your Diary*

#### **Warwickshire Regimental Museum**

David Baynham  
Royal Warwickshire Regiment  
Museum

Monday, December 6th, 2.30

Book through Marianne Pitts

#### **The National Forest**

Lincoln Allison  
Pump Room Annexe  
Wednesday, January 12th, 7.30

#### **Perils of adapting classics for TV**

Andrew Davies  
Royal Spa Centre  
Tuesday, February 8th, 7.45  
Tickets (£8, £6 concessionary)  
from Royal Spa Centre

*For details see last page*













