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We hope that you have all had an opportunity to visit the reopened galleries at The Wilson and were impressed by what you saw.

In this issue:

- Our programme of FoTW afternoon lectures continues with **Still Life and Beyond, with Sara Hayward** on 25 November, and we look forward to return visits by speakers **Tim Brain** and **Fiona James** in the New Year.
- PJ Crook's **Mulled Wine, Mince Pies & Miniatures open studio** on Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 December 12 noon until 5pm each day.
- Save the date - an evening talk on Wednesday 3 March on the **Golden Valley Development.**
- **3-night Study Tour to Sussex** departing on Sunday 9 May 2027: The brochure and booking form are on our website. We are delighted that 19 Friends have already signed up.
- The Wilson exhibition - **The Art of Looking: from Dutch Masters to Modern Britain** continues until 3 January.



PJ Crook will be holding her ever popular ***Mulled Wine, Mince Pies & Miniatures*** open studio in aid of FoTW, Star College and LINC, the cancer charity on Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 December 12 noon until 5pm each day. Her studio address is 22 Priory Lane, Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham GL52 8JL.



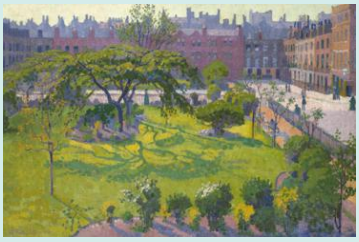
Wednesday 25 November 2pm Talk: Still Life and Beyond with Sara Hayward.

Book now



Wednesday 13 January 2pm Talk: Bach's Brandenburg Concertos: A musical detective story, with Tim Brain

Book now



Wednesday 10 February 2pm Talk: The Camden Town Group: painters of London life, with Fiona James

Book now

Save the date - an evening talk at St Luke's Hall on Wednesday 3 March 7:15pm

The Golden Valley Development with Matt Bellshaw

Further details on our website coming soon.

News from the Trustees



Study Tour to Sussex : May 2027

We are pleased to offer a 3-night Study Tour to Sussex departing on Sunday 9 May, staying at Avisford Park Hotel, Arundel. The brochure (with booking form) is on our website.

We will be visiting:

- Arundel Castle (group entrance and guided tour)
- Chichester Cathedral (group entrance and guided tour)
- Pallant House Gallery (group entrance)
- Fishbourne Roman Palace (group entrance)
- Royal Pavilion Brighton (group entrance)
- English Martyrs Church, Worthing (free but donations welcome)

The cost is £610pp based on two people sharing : single supplement of £105pp.

Grand Reopening of The Wilson



The Friends' preview night was unsurprisingly popular and a good time was had by all...

Click here for more photos.

Pittville Pump Room, Cheltenham

Friday 27 November | 5–9pm Christmas Artisan Night Market

Sunday 29 November | 11am–4pm Christmas Artisan Market

Click here for full details.

News from The Wilson

We Are Creators

Until 28 February

The Exhibition brings together The Wilson's nine resident artists, working across painting, printmaking, textiles, fashion, photography, sculpture and moving image. Artists respond to the museum's collections and to Cheltenham itself, while public workshops bring other people's ideas, images and experiences into the exhibition.

The Art of Looking: from Dutch Masters to Modern Britain

Until 3 January 2027

This exhibition, in two spaces, celebrates the richness of The Wilson's collection from the forty-three paintings gifted to Cheltenham in 1898 of the de Ferrières collection, through to 20th century artists including Stanley Spencer, Graham Sutherland, Vanessa Bell, Duncan Grant, and Lynn Chadwick.

The Wilson's de Ferrières Collection, is a rare and focused group of European artworks which span the mid-17th to the mid-19th century. In contrast, a second exhibition space highlights modern painters and sculptors. Rather than simply recording what they saw, they experimented with perception, memory, and metaphor. Together, the two periods form a conversation about attention. Whether rendered with meticulous detail or bold stylisation, each artwork asks us to pause, to look again, and to discover how much more becomes visible when we take the time to truly see.

A major refurbishment of the Arts and Crafts Gallery

There is a temporary closure of the Arts and Crafts gallery for much needed repair and refurbishment. Key objects from the collection will be displayed in other areas of the museum. The ambition is to present a major exhibition on the Arts and Craft Movement in June 2027, including items from other collections. The Wilson aims to reopen the permanent Arts and Crafts gallery in 2028.

Volunteering at The Wilson - is it for you ?

Volunteering at The Wilson Art Gallery & Museum offers a rich and rewarding experience that goes far beyond simply giving your time, it is also an excellent way to expand personal knowledge and develop new interests.

Please see further information at Volunteer - The Wilson Museum

Best wishes

The Trustees

Friends of The Wilson

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