



Time and date of the walks
Every Tuesday 2.30 p.m.
19th, 26th July;
2nd, 9th, 16th August 2022

Tour approximately
90 minutes, with
local history guides

FREE Meet at the Visitors Centre
Royal Pump Rooms
(10 mins before start of tour)

How to book:
Visitor Centre
Royal Pump Rooms
The Parade
Leamington Spa
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Commonwealth Trail



Visit the Leamington History Group website for further information on the walking tour sites
<https://leamingtonhistory.co.uk/>

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Location 1 - Royal Pump Rooms

Built in 1814 on land belonging to Bertie Greatheed, owner of a slave plantation on the Caribbean island of St Kitts.



Location 10 - 3 Church Street

Shreenath Rohilla establishes the Commonwealth Club in 1963 to provide a social space for people of all races.



Location 9 - 10 Gloucester Street

1830s home of John Fairfax, founder of one of Australia's leading newspapers The Sydney Morning Herald.

Location 2 -The Town Hall

Held a banquet for guests involved in the 1886 Colonial and Indian Exhibition, including the Raja of Narsingharh and his retinue.



Location 8 - 57 Avenue Road

Meeting place for the Black People's Alliance, formed in 1968 to challenge racism against immigrants from all parts of the British Empire.



Location 3 - Chapel Court, Hamilton Terrace

Used in 1872 during the formation of the National Agricultural Labourers' Union, which helped farmworkers emigrate to the settler colonies of Australia, Canada and New Zealand.



Location 4 -Imperial House, Holly Walk

Holly Walk was said to feature in Charles Dickens's 1848 novel Dombey and Son about the owner of an imperial trading company who visits Leamington with a retired military officer from the British colonies. Real-life counterparts lived in Byron Lodge on the site of Imperial House.



Location 5 - 6 Willes Road

Basement home in 1920s of Lionel Turpin, a soldier from British Guiana who fought in World War I, and his famous boxing sons Dick, Jackie and Randolph.



Location 6 -31 Parade

Former town house rented by John Gladstone, one of Britain's biggest slave owners who also instigated use of indentured labour from India after the abolition of slavery in 1833.



Location 7 - Salisbury Hall, Windsor Street

Lecture given in 1928 by Cornelia Sorabji for the Church of England Zenna Missionary Society, an organisation dedicated to converting Indian women to Christianity.

