Public Engagement

Spa treatments were provided at the Royal Pump Rooms in Leamington Spa for almost two hundred years. The medical history gallery interpreting spa treatments re-opened in January 2011. New displays draw on research from two projects funded by the Wellcome Trust with Hilary Marland as principal investigator. The gallery, which includes a listening post with access to oral histories, is the latest in a series of collaborative ventures to reach diverse audiences. Earlier projects include walking tours of Leamington Spa, day conferences, artist in residence, authored articles in professional museum journals, and workshop for gifted youth.

New research theme: Nature Cures in Britain 1840-1980

- Philosophies of nature cure
- Popular practices
- Professional identity
- Challenging orthodoxy
- Changing concepts of health
- International connections

Forthcoming papers:
- ‘Naturopathy, psychology, yoga and the “study of you” in inter-war Britain’, Utrecht, September 2011