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...LEAMINGTON SPA

FINDING THE VERY BEST OF VINTAGE SUPPLIERS, SARAH BAKER HOSTS A COLUMN PUTTING THE VINTAGE SPOTLIGHT ON TOWNS AND CITIES NEAR YOU. A TOP 5 GUIDE TO THE ECLECTIC FOR LOVERS OF VINTAGE EVERYWHERE. THIS WEEK THE SPOTLIGHT HITS...
LEAMINGTON SPA!

There's a lot to love about Learnington Spa - the Royal Pump Rooms, Jephson Gardens and the regular vinyl fairs at the Town Hall, but it has some fantastic hidden vintage gems too...

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Blighty Boutique houses a veritable feast of vintage, handmade and retro clothes over two floors and that's before you get to their tearoom!

Whether it's vinyl records, vintage furniture, quirky shirts or handmade dresses you can shop collectables to your heart's galore then take tea on pretty vintage china with a slice of cake on the side.



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BERYLUNE 45 PARK STREET LEAMINGTON SPA CV32 4QN

Next stop is Berylune, the home of all things crafty run by sisters Emily and Amy and their best friend Zoe. It's a gorgeous shop crammed full of beautiful and original items from talented British designer-makers alongside retro finds with more than a touch of kitsch. Upstairs is the craft studio where you can learn anything from how to make a lampshade to screen printing and crochet, and don't forget the very popular weekly Knit & Natter – it's not to be missed!

www.berylune.blogspot.co.uk

CHEZ TITINE 13-15 KENILWORTH STREET LEAMINGTON SPA CV32 4QS

At the very back of the Bazaar you'll find vintage salon Chez Titine. Stylists Catherine and Jane will set you up with 1920s finger waves, 40s victory rolls (with complimentary headscarf), 60s beehives and 80s crimping, not to mention impeccable make-up and styling advice for men and women and retro mini makeovers for kids

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BANDSTAND TEA ROOMS 24 DORMER PLACE LEAMINGTON SPA CV32 5AA

After that it's over to the pretty Bandstand Tea Rooms in the park. Sip looseleaf English breakfast tea or champagne from a vintage teacup and treat yourself to some local farm made Henley ice cream or some sandwich triangles (with the crusts off natch!)
All of their cakes and scones are homemade and there are plenty of gluten free options on offer so all you have left to do is choose your favourite as you soak up the sunshine.

www.bandstandtearooms.co.uk

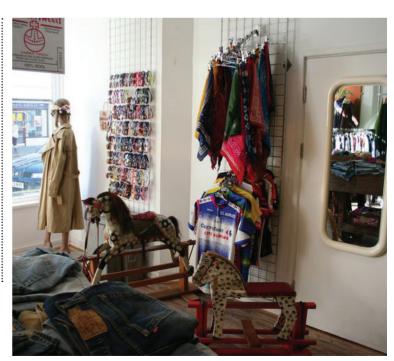




BRADERIE 51 WARWICK STREET LEAMINGTON SPA CV32 5JR

A short walk will get you to Braderie, a delightfully bijou store selling anything from miniature vintage Guinness bottles (complete with real Guinness!) to first class airline seats (complete with Video 8 in-flight entertainment). They also sell brilliantly reworked items... think dresses made from vintage Hawaiian shirts and US sports jerseys.

www.braderie.co.uk



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