

Brighton & Hove Open Door 2018

06-09 and 13-16 September

PROGRAMME for Friday 14th September

100+ FREE EVENTS celebrating the City's heritage



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About the Organisers

Brighton & Hove Open Door is organised annually by staff and volunteers at The Regency Town House in Brunswick Square, Hove.

The Town House is a grade 1 Listed terraced home of the mid-1820s, developed as a heritage centre with a focus on the city's rich architectural legacy.

Work at the Town House is supported by The Brunswick Town Charitable Trust, registered UK charity number 1012216.

About the Event

Brighton & Hove Open Door is always staged during September, as a part of the national Heritage Open Days (HODs) – a once-a-year chance to discover architectural treasures and enjoy tours and activities about local history and culture. The Town House team have participated in HODs since its inception in 1994.

When using this guide, please note that we have set out the listings in 14 thematic categories and that within each category we have provided first the events that do not require pre-booking and then the venues and activities that do require booking*. Where booking is required, this can be done via www.rth.org.uk.

We hope you find the thematic categories useful but do please bear in mind that they are somewhat arbitrary and you may find an event in an unexpected listing.

This year we have a fabulous mix to our BHOD offer, including events related to our Profiles of the Past, MyHouseMyStreet and Here in the Past projects, the latter two of which will introduce you to the history and residents of local neighbourhoods.

If you would like to assist us with the organisation of future Brighton & Hove Open Door events, if you would like to participate as a venue or activity organiser, or if you have suggestions for improvements, do please contact us via:

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Thanks

During 2018 we have continued our efforts to establish Brighton & Hove Open Door into one of the city's great annual celebrations.

This year's programme is testimony to the hard work of the many people involved in organising Brighton & Hove Open Door and we are grateful to them all, especially our Town House volunteers and the venue and activity organizers; who are giving so generously of their time.

Nick Tyson, Curator, The Regency Town House

* Please Note: Events that must be pre-booked, prior to attendance, can be reserved online at: <http://www.rth.org.uk/BHOD18>

Brighton & Hove Open Door – great days out for free!

SHOREHAM AND STEYNING

No booking required

St Julian's Church, St Julian's Lane, Kingston Buci, Shoreham-by-Sea

St Julian's Church, St. Julians Lane, Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex, BN43 6YS

St Julian's church is one of the oldest and most interesting in Sussex. Although we don't know exactly how long there has been a church on this site, we do know that there has been a significant settlement at Kingston Buci for centuries. St Julian's Church is a flint building with stone dressings, and consists of a nave with a north aisle, chancel and central (but partly offset) tower. The chancel and tower are the same width, and there are no transepts. The walls of the nave survive from the 11th century, and the rebuilding work of the 13th century appears not to have changed the proportions of the rest of the church. Although the aisle was rebuilt in the 19th century, its large arches—described by Nikolaus Pevsner as "beautifully proportioned"—remain from the 13th century, when it was originally built. St Julian's Church is listed at Grade I.

Opening Times - 6 -9 September: 1000-1600, 13-16 September 1000-1600

Here in the Past - Clarence Square

Clarence Square, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 2ED

Come along and meet volunteers involved with the development of Here in the Past, the city's local history project exploring who lived in your house before you and the life experiences of former residents. We are working on the Clarence Square area at the moment and this is a chance to get a taste of discoveries to date! Our Here in the Past desk will be on site for 60 minutes. Be sure to tell your friends about our local history events during this year's HODs, perhaps we are showcasing their street too!

Opening Times - Friday 14 September: 1500 - 1600

WALKS, TALKS AND TOURS

No booking required

Clifton Hill and Montpelier

Meet: St Nicholas Church doorway, Church Street, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 3LJ

Clifton Hill and Montpelier. A 2 hour walk with Dr Geoffrey Mead. Clifton & Montpelier are quiet Victorian suburban areas with fascinating social, historical and geographical aspects which we take in for our afternoon amble.

Opening Times - Friday 14 September: 1600-1800

The Feibusch Nativity Mural At St Wilfrid's

1 St. Wilfrids Flats, Whippingham Road, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN2 3PZ

The hidden Feibusch Nativity Mural at St Wilfrid's. This is a unique opportunity to view the stunning mural painted by Hans Feibusch in 1939 which is not normally open for public viewing. The mural adorns three walls in what was a side chapel of the former Anglican church which no longer exists and is now sheltered housing. The building is Grade II listed and replaced the original temporary tin church of 1901. The architect of the current building was Harry Stuart Goodhart-Rendel who designed

it in Eclectic style. John Betjeman called it "about the best 1930s church there is". Hans Feibusch (1898-1998) was a German Jewish artist and sculptor. He painted several church murals in Britain in appreciation of the warm reception he received in this country after he fled Nazi Germany where his paintings were destroyed. He worked as a muralist and sculptor in thirty English Anglican churches including Ely Cathedral. n Please note that this is no longer a public building and respect the privacy of the residents. St Wilfrid's is situated on the corner of Whippingham Road and Elm Grove. There is very limited street parking. Bus nos 21, 21a, 22, 23 stop outside. Guide Sarah Tobias is lecturer in social, cultural and local history.

Opening Times - Friday 14 September: 1100 – 1300

More than Shopping: Brighton's Western Road

Meet: Wykeham Terrace, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 3FF

A meander through the city's main shopping area...looking at more than shops. More than shopping - Brighton's Western Road. A walk with Dr Geoffrey Mead. Note: Parking very limited in area. Buses to Churchill Sq/Arcade

Opening Times - Friday 14 September: 1000 - 1200

Preston Manor's Lost Buildings

Preston Manor Gardens, Preston Drive, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 6SD

Three substantial Victorian buildings on the Preston Manor estate were demolished in the 1930s when London Road was widened. Find out what these buildings looked like, who lived in them and see the remains of a rare garden bothy. Note: No toilets or tearooms but these facilities are available close by in Preston Park.

Opening Times - Friday 14 September: Tour 1100 - 1200

St Nicholas Circular Walk

Meet: St Nicholas Church doorway, Dyke Road, Brighton, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 3LJ

Around St Nicholas Church. A walk with Dr Geoffrey Mead. St. Nicholas abuts several distinct city areas; we look at parts of West Hill, North Laine and the Old Town in our afternoon stroll. Parking very limited in area. Buses to Churchill Sq/Arcade

Opening Times - Friday 14 September: 1300 - 1500

RELIGIOUS SPACES

No booking required

St Bartholomew's Church

Ann Street, Brighton , Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 4GP

St Bartholomew, Brighton, one of the great churches of the 19th century - the cathedral of what used to be called the 'London-Brighton and South Coast Religion' with its incense, ritual, embroidered vestments and lights. The fabric itself is a masterpiece of brickwork and a credit to its little-known architect, Edmund Scott. The fittings, great baldacchino and silver side altar by Henry Wilson, the font and the stained glass lancets complement each other and enhance the building. Only Holy Trinity, Sloane Street, in London, compares with it as a monument in richness of fittings belonging to that inventive time of the Art Workers Guild which immediately succeeded William Morris. In the noise

and glitter of cheerful Brighton, this great church is a tall sanctuary of peace. Its interior awes beholders to silence. Services on Sunday at 9.30 and 11.00 - please be respectful of the congregation.

Access Information The church is normally open from 10.00 am until 4.30 pm every weekday and on Sunday from 9.00 am until 1.00 pm. On Sunday there will be two main services in progress at 9.30 am and 11.00am and there are services on the other weekdays which any visitors must take into consideration

Opening Times - Thursday 6 September: **Sorry - church NOT open on Thursday 6th.** Friday 7 and Saturday 8 September: 1000 – 1630, Sunday 9 September: 0900 - 1300 (Services at 9.30 and 11.00) Thursday 13, Friday 14 and Saturday 15 September: 1000 – 1630, Sunday 16 September: 0900 - 1300 (Services at 9.30 and 11.00)

St Nicholas' Church, Brighton

Dyke Road, Brighton, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 3LJ

This church is dedicated to St Nicholas, the patron saint of sailors and fishermen. Until 1873, St Nicholas was the Parish Church of Brighton and it still is the Mother Church and the only church in central Brighton of ancient interest. The earliest known reference to a church in Brighthelmstone, the old name for Brighton, comes from William the Conqueror's great census, the Domesday Book, written about 1085. This states that there was a church, valued at £12, which had been assessed as worth £10 in the reign of the Saxon King Edward. On the wall of the south aisle is a list of vicars, far from complete and not always accurate, but dating back to 1091. The side chapel, now the Lady Chapel, dates from the early years of the 16th C and may originally have been a chantry chapel. In 2009 the wall paintings adorning the Chancel and West walls and the 14th C screen were restored.

Opening Times - Friday 7 September: 1300 – 1500, Saturday 8 September: 1000 – 1700, Sunday 9 September: 1300 – 1500, Friday 14 September: 1300 – 1500, Saturday 15 September: 1000 – 1700, Sunday 16 September: 1300 - 1500

FASHIONABLE HOUSES

Booking Required

Embassy Court, Icon of 20th Century Modernism

King's Road, Corner of Western Street, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 2PX

Embassy Court was designed by the Canadian architect Wells Coates and completed in 1936. The following year, the Museum of Modern Art in New York featured the building in its seminal exhibition 'Modern Architecture in England'. A 90 minute tour of this iconic 1930s Modernist apartment block on Brighton seafront. It was the first purpose built apartment block in the UK to have top floor flats designated as 'penthouse' designed by renowned Canadian architect Wells Coates. The tour takes in the stunning views from the 11th floor sun terrace, the interior of a flat and the rear of the building. Most of the social and historical events are hosted by leaseholders. There is also the opportunity to view a Mural, access to the Tank Rooms, also of important historical interest, a flat and the rear of the building. **Access Information** Although there is lift access to the 10th floor, there are some steps leading to the roof terrace and Tank Rooms on the eleventh floor.

Opening Times - Thursday 13, Friday 14 and Sunday 16 September: 1100 - 1230

Booking required via: <http://www.rth.org.uk/bhod18>

INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL

No booking required

The West Pier - Celebrating the Past and Planning the Future

West Pier Centre, 103-105 Kings Road Arches, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 2FN

East of BAI360 is a new promenade space which celebrates the West Pier and its history. Opened in 2017, the site features a 'Golden Spiral' made up of salvaged West Pier columns. Come and find out about the West Pier, exciting kiosk restoration project and see our latest exhibition. The West Pier Trust is committed through education and conservation to preserving and celebrating the history of the West Pier. The new West Pier Centre is located in a renovated arch near the Golden Spiral. It marks the return of the West Pier Trust to the seafront and will function as office, information point and education and events space. Visit us in our new home and learn about our projects and plans.

Opening Times – Friday 7, Saturday 8, and Sunday 9 September: 1100 – 1500, Friday 14, Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 September: 1100 - 1500

EDUCATION

Booking Required

Brighton College Tour

Brighton College , Eastern Road, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN2 0AL

A tour of Brighton College with an introduction to the history of the school and the older buildings, and some detail about the new buildings and the various awards they've won! The College is situated in the Kemp Town district to the east of Brighton. The early parts were designed by Sir Gilbert Scott, RA, 1848 to 1862. Additions were made by Sir Thomas Jackson, RA, an Old Brightonian in 1885. The Performing Arts Centre, incorporating Scott's Café, music rooms and the Dance Studio, was opened in the summer of 2000. A new Visual Arts Centre was created in 2008, and the new Skidelsky building was completed in 2010. A new social space, the Smith Building, opened in January 2012, followed by a new girls' boarding house in autumn 2013. The original vision of Sir Thomas Jackson for the main quad was completed in 2014 via the construction of the entrance tower. The new Music School opened in 2016, and a new teaching block, the Yeo building, opened in September 2017. Please note: The tour starts promptly and latecomers may not be able to join the tour. **Access Information** Please note: The tour starts promptly and latecomers may not be able to join the tour. **Directions** Visitors should report to the Security Lodge at the main entrance on Eastern Road.

Opening Times - Friday 7 September: 1115 – 1230, Friday 14 September: 1115 - 1230

Booking required via: <http://www.rth.org.uk/bhod18>

Roedean: Then and Now - Roedean School Tour

Roedean School, Roedean Way, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN2 5RQ

Come and walk the corridors of one of the first girls' boarding schools in the country. Hear about how Sir John Simpson's inspiring architecture of Roedean School influenced his design of the original Wembley Stadium and discover how his Grade II listed buildings characterise the classic 'Arts and Crafts' movement of 1860 to 1910. Learn how the school is setting the standard for boarding in the 21st Century through its transformational redesign of its five boarding houses. Not normally accessible to the public, the Saturday tour ends with a trip down Roedean's secret tunnel to the undercliff walk connecting to Brighton Marina. Approx. 90 mins. (Wear comfortable shoes and bring a

torch if going down the tunnel). Visitors are reminded that they are touring a working girls school and to dress accordingly. Visitors in inappropriate clothing (e.g. small shorts) will not be admitted. **Access Information** Please advise of any mobility or other special needs ahead of visiting via an email to jsu@roedean.co.uk Visitors are reminded that they are touring a working girls school and to dress accordingly. Visitors in inappropriate clothing (e.g. small shorts) will not be admitted.

Opening Times - Thursday 13, Friday 14 and Saturday 15 September: 1030 – 1200

Booking required via: <http://www.rth.org.uk/bhod18>

THEATRE, CINEMA AND ENTERTAINMENT

No booking required

Nice Girls Didn't go to the Academy! Cinema Themed Guided Tour

STARTS - Duke of York's Cinema, Preston Circus, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 4NA

Join Alexia Lazou, The Usherette, as she leads you through the town centre, stopping at various former and current cinema sites, evoking the Golden Age of the Silver Screen. The guided tour will end at The Melrose Restaurant at approximately 7.30pm. The Melrose was formerly the Pandora Gallery, where the first films to be shown outside London were screened in 1896. Approximately 1.7 miles / 90 mins. Supper at The Melrose is optional - please book a table via the restaurant <http://www.melroserestaurant.co.uk>

Opening Times - Friday 7 September: 1800 – 1930, Friday 14 September: 1800 - 1930

THEATRE, CINEMA AND ENTERTAINMENT

Booking Required

Duke of York's Cinema

Duke of York's Cinema, Preston Circus, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 4NA

Visit Britain's longest surviving cinema, the Duke of York's, for a tour of this iconic landmark. The Duke of York's opened its doors on 22 September 1910. After welcoming millions of audience members, witnessing many changes of ownership and surviving numerous threats to its existence and even possible demolition, it was re-born in the early 1980s as an art-house cinema. It is now a Grade II listed building - Brighton's favourite cinema and the country's most enduring picture house. **Access:** Please note that the Duke of York's is a working cinema and the route of the tours may be subject to alteration. **Access Information** Full wheelchair access to ground floor only, not to upper level visited during tour. **Access:** Please note, the Duke of York's is a working cinema, the route may alter.

Opening Times - Friday 7 September: 1000 & 1045, Friday 14 September: 1000 & 1045

Booking required via: <http://www.rth.org.uk/bhod18>

Brighton's Palace Pier Heritage Tour

Meet at the entrance of Brighton Palace Pier, Madeira Drive, Brighton & Hove, BN2 1TW

A unique opportunity to tour the pier and learn about its heritage before it opens to the public! Join Jackie Marsh-Hobbs on a Heritage tour of Brighton's Palace Pier, looking back at the pier's history. The Brighton Marine Palace and Pier Company's intention was to build 'a people's palace above the

sea', with the first pile been driven into the seabed on the 7th of November 1891. Starting with the impressive construction of the pier, its Theatre and the 1910-11 addition of a Winter Garden, explore the Palace Pier's place in British seaside architecture, pleasure pier history and its links to the Chain Pier. The history of the Pier is a celebration of enjoyment with early amusements and rides, steam boat trips, bands, variety and lots of entertainment, all an important part of our social history as well as the pier's architectural heritage.

Opening Times – Thurs 6, Fri 7 September: 0930 – 1045, Fri 14, Sat 15 September: 0930 - 1045

Booking required via: <http://www.rth.org.uk/bhod18>

Theatre Royal Brighton Tour

New Road, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 1SD

Behind the scenes at The Theatre Royal. Step into the Theatre and be engulfed by the glamorous world of West End productions and stars of the stage. Creep behind the scenes of this theatrical treasure, steal a bow onstage like countless stars before you, sneak into the Queen's seat in the Royal Box, tip toe into the infamous 'gulp bar' used by Laurence Olivier and explore the unusual backstage area constructed from fishermen's cottages. This beautiful Grade II listed theatre holds over 200 years of secrets and intriguing tales, so join us for a fascinating insight into its history, redevelopment and present day workings. Meet in the Box Office entrance on New Road. **Access Information** We recommend wearing sensible shoes as there will be stairs involved and tight spaces.

Opening Times - Friday 7 September: Tour 1130 – 1230, Saturday 8 September: Tour 1130 – 1230, Friday 14 September: Tour 1130 – 1230, Saturday 15 September: Tour 1130 - 1230

Booking required via: <http://www.rth.org.uk/bhod18>

GOVERNMENT AND CIVIC

Booking Required

Brighton Old Police Cells

Meet: main entrance to Brighton Town Hall, Bartholomew Square, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 1JA

Visit the old police cells. The Old Police Cells Museum is housed in the basement of Brighton Town Hall and offers visitors a unique insight into the history of policing in Sussex. A visit is both educational and entertaining. Our 1 hour 15 minute tour provides an opportunity to visit Brighton Borough main police station for the period 1830 to 1967 and learn about the murder of Chief Constable Henry Solomon in 1844 by a prisoner. See some of the old cells with their graffiti from the Mods and Rockers era, the policeman's wash room and uniform store areas, police memorabilia and artifacts. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity!

Opening Times - Thursday 6, Friday 7 and Saturday 8 September: Tour 1030, Thursday 13, Friday 14 and Saturday 15 September: Tour 1030

Booking required via: <http://www.rth.org.uk/bhod18>

Shoreham Lifeboat Station Tour

Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Lifeboat House, Brighton Road, Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex, BN43 6RN

Visit Shoreham RNLI Lifeboat Station. Shoreham RNLI Lifeboat Station celebrates over 150 years of saving lives at sea. The present Shoreham Harbour Lifeboat station was completed in 2010 following the demolition of the old Lifeboat Station which had stood on the same site since 1933. The new Lifeboat Station consists of a large boat hall, crew training room / class room, proper drying facilities for wet crew kit, changing facilities and a viewing platform, all of which will be open to the public during the Brighton Heritage Open days (subject to emergency operational requirements). The Lifeboat Station on Kingston Beach, houses our state of the art Tamar all weather lifeboat. At almost £3m the Tamar class is a huge investment for the RNLI but brings huge advantages to our lifesaving work. Whilst visiting Shoreham Harbour Lifeboat Station you will be shown around by one of the station's knowledgeable volunteer visit guides who will not only show you both of Shoreham Harbours Lifeboats (sorry no access on boats) but will also show you where the lifeboat crews' kit is kept. You will get the opportunity to see the crew kit worn by all members of the Crew and maybe even try it on!

Opening Times - Thursday 6 , Friday 7, Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 September: Tour 1400 – 1530,
Thursday 13, Friday 14, Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 September: Tour 1400 - 1530

Booking required via: <http://www.rth.org.uk/bhod18>

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