

Brighton & Hove Open Door 2018

06-09 and 13-16 September

PROGRAMME for Saturday 15th 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:

The Regency Town House, 13 Brunswick Square, Hove, BN3 1EH, Tel. 01273 206306 / email: bhod@rth.org.uk

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!

EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN

No booking required

St Nicolas' Church, Shoreham and 'In Search of a Princess', St. Nicolas Church, St. Nicolas Lane, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5NH

St Nicolas' Church was founded on a riverside site by Anglo-Saxons at the start of the 10th century, possibly on the site of a 5th-century predecessor. Some Saxon-era structural elements remain despite 12th-century additions made when Shoreham became prosperous, further extension in the 14th century and a Victorian restoration. The grave of Amon Henry Wilds, the architect of much of Regency Brighton is viewable. Also buried here is Lydia Yavorska, Princess Bariatinsky (1871-1921) who features in our 'Extraordinary Women' talk.

Guided tours are available between 10.00-16.00, coffee and cakes will be sold on behalf of MacMillan Cancer Support (10:00 – 12:30).

At 19:30 (door open 19:00) there will be the presentation 'In Search of a Princess', which tells the background to the research into the life of Lydia Yavorska, which led to a book on this lady who was an actress, suffragette, fashion icon, relief worker in WWI and anti-Bolshevik campaigner. No booking is required and entry is free.

Details: <https://saintnicolas.org.uk/events.htm> / <https://aprincessinshoreham.org>

Opening Times - Saturday 15 September: 1000 - 1600 and 1900 – 2030

Women's History Group – Brighton's Rich Suffrage History

The Regency Town House, 13 Brunswick Square, Hove, BN3 1EH

The Brighton Women's History group seeks to research, collect and publish information on the historic contribution of women and girls to the life and heritage of Brighton and Hove and to encourage others to celebrate women's history. During Heritage Open Days we will display artefacts related to the rich suffrage history of Brighton and Hove and recognise the centenary of the first achievement of votes for some women. Come and see our free exhibition.

Opening Times - Saturday 15 September: 1200-1600

Remembrance of the Great War 1914-18

Meet Maire McQueeney inside the City Cemetery Gate on the north side of Bear Road BN2 4DA (free parking in cemetery). Buses 37 (Bevendean Road) and 2, 22 (Top of Bear Road) stop nearby.

A 60 minute stroll exploring the monuments and memorials of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, St. Dustan's plot, graves of German PoWs who died in local military hospitals and the final resting place of peace campaigner Mary Lawrenson co-founder of the Women's Cooperative Guild. Free cemetery parking and convenient bus routes available. Route: mostly level on tarmac and grass paths. One moderate downhill and uphill return on grass path

Opening Times - Saturday 15 September: 1100 - 1200

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

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

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SHOREHAM AND STEYNING

Booking Required

Here in the Past - Powis Square

Powis Square, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 3HG

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 Powis Square area at the moment and this is a chance to get a taste of discoveries to date. Look for our Here in the Past desk which 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 - Saturday 15 September: 1230 – 1330

WALKS, TALKS AND TOURS

No booking required

London Road Tour

Meet: St Peter's Church doorway, York Place, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 4GU

London Road. A walk with Dr Geoffrey Mead. London Rd has undergone many changes from farmland to suburb, shopping street to urban resurgence; we look at these aspects in our morning stroll.

Opening Times - Saturday 15 September: 1000 - 1200

St James Street Tour

Meet - the Victoria (Dolphin) Fountain, Old Steine, (opp. Marlborough House), Brighton, BN1 1NX

A walk with Dr Geoffrey Mead. Early suburban development in the 18th century, B&Bs in the 20th and urban change throughout the period; we investigate some of the history of this busy thoroughfare. Parking in town centre car parks. Buses to Old Steine and North Street

Opening Times - Saturday 15 September: 1300 - 1500

Two Sides to Every Valley

Meet at Brighton Museum Entrance, Pavilion Gardens, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 3XE

The Valley Gardens conservation area and its past and future. Two sides to every valley - a walk with Dr Geoffrey Mead. An exploration of the Valley Gardens area of central Brighton. This walk will involve some steep Brighton hills and some tiny alleys but will reveal some hidden gems. Brighton Museum entrance, Royal Pavilion Gardens NCP car parks short walk, buses to Old Steine/North St stops

Opening Times - Saturday 15 September: 1600 - 1800

The Waste House Open Door

Grand Parade Mews, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN2 0BG

The Brighton Waste House – The development of a 'living laboratory' for ecological architectural design. The Brighton Waste House investigates strategies for constructing a contemporary, low energy, permanent building using over 85% 'waste' material drawn from household and construction sites. The building is Europe's first permanent public building made almost entirely from material thrown away or not wanted. It is also an EPC 'A' rated low energy building. The Brighton Waste House aims to prove that under valued so-called waste material has potential to become a valuable resource and therefore prove "that there is no such thing as waste, just stuff in the wrong place!". It also aims to prove that a contemporary, innovative, low energy building can be constructed almost entirely by young people studying construction trades, architecture & design. To this end over 300 students worked on the project which was initially fabricated in the workshops of City College and then assembled and completed by students and apprentices between May 2013 and April 2014.

Opening Times - Saturday 8 September: 1100 – 1500, Saturday 15 September: 1100 - 1500

WALKS, TALKS AND TOURS

Booking Required

Brighton Toy and Model Museum Tours

Brighton Toy & Model Museum, 52-55 Trafalgar Street, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 4EB

Looking to revisit your childhood? Or in turn want to see what your parents/grandparents or even great grandparents used to play with? ... Then you will enjoy a visit to Brighton Toy and Model Museum, home to one of the finest collections of toys and models in the world. Situated under Brighton station, you will find a treasure cove of over 10,000 exhibits on display, including collections of toys from over the last 100 years, period antique toys, examples from the world's top toy makers plus priceless model train collection. The museum is one of Brighton's most fascinating attractions and an Aladdin's cave for the whole family to enjoy! The arches where the museum is sited have a fascinating historical background having been used for the stabling of railway horses and the storage of their fodder. So make sure you book your place for our special guided tours looking at the history of the building and its unique collection of toys. Museum doors open at 5.30pm - tours are 5.45-6.30, 6.15-7.00 and 6.45-7.30. Places have to be booked in advance - 01273 749494 or pop in to the museum

Opening Times - Saturday 15 September: 1730 - 1930

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

Madeira Terraces Tour

Meet at the west station of the Volks Railway Line, close to Brighton Palace Pier (opposite Volks nightclub/bar), Madeira Drive, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN2 1PS

Long a Brighton feature, the Madeira Terraces are thought to be the longest cast iron structure in Britain and, perhaps, the world! People from all over the city and beyond have contributed some half a million pounds of crowd funding to the saving of the Madeira Terraces. Come along and learn a little about the history of the site and the repairs needed to secure the Terraces for the next 100 years.

Opening Times - Saturday 15 September: 1530-1630

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

TAKE SHELTER! @ Downs Junior School

Downs Junior School, Rugby Road, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 6ED

Visit a WW2 air raid shelter! Hidden away under the playground at Downs Junior School is an amazing original WW2 Air Raid Shelter. Constructed in 1939, the Shelter is the largest of three at the school, and is the only one still accessible. The Trenches, as they were known at the time, are a series of interconnecting tunnels made from pre-cast concrete panels approximately 3 metres below the playground. With bench seating along each corridor the Shelter had a capacity for 300 pupils, and was also used by the local community at night. After the two main staircase entrances were removed and sealed after the war, the Shelter remained undiscovered for over 30 years until it was discovered in 1985 during a routine drain inspection. Initial refurbishment was carried out in 2012 to open up the shelter to visitors, and then after major restoration work in 2016 the Shelter was opened as a Museum, and Take Shelter was born. We are offering 220 visitors a free 45 minute guided tour (in groups of 10). Tours times will be every 15 minutes from 10:00 to 15:15 and must be booked in

advance. **Access Information** The original staircase entrances have been removed over time so access is currently quite limited and access is only possible via a man-hole. Visitors will therefore need to be able to climb down a short ladder with side rails to access the space.

Opening Times - Saturday 15 September: 1000 - 1600

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

Thomas Kemp's Seaside Estate

Meet outside 14 Arundel Terrace, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN2 1FG

A look at the history, architecture and notable residents of the Kemp Town Estate since 1826. We'll explore Thomas Kemp's grand design for the estate. The tour will conclude with a visit to the enclosures and a walk through the tunnel onto the seafront.

Opening Times - Saturday 8 September: 1400 – 1500, Saturday 15 September: 1400 - 1500

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Opening Times - Saturday 8 September: Tours 1200 - 1300 and 1400 – 1500, Saturday 15 September: Tours 1200 - 1300 and 1400 - 1500

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

RELIGIOUS SPACES

No booking required

All Saints' Church, Patcham

All Saints Church, Church Hill, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 8YE

Come and visit our 12th Century church with its beautiful stained-glass windows, fascinating Doom Painting, medieval memorial and gravestones in beautiful Patcham Village. Refreshments will be available in the Church Centre. The present church has a history dating back to Saxon times, (possibly as early as the 700s). There are striking similarities with other Sussex Downland churches nearby, such as Pyecombe and Clayton, in terms of construction and overall design. It is built in flint which was widely used for building construction in Sussex in the middle ages, with sections of the present building dating from as early as the 12th century. All Saints was listed as Grade 2* in 1952 and is the

Parish Church of Patcham. In the nave of the church and positioned over the chancel arch is a rare 13th century Last Judgement or Doom Painting, whitewashed over at the time of the purges of the Reformation then rediscovered during renovations in 1880-1883. Church is at the top of Church Hill near the junction with Vale Avenue

Opening Times - Saturday 15 September: 1100 – 1700, Sunday 16 September: 1200 - 1600

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 Martin's Church, Lewes Road

St Martins' Church, Lewes Road, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN2 3HQ

St. Martin's is a fine example of Anglo Catholic 19th Century church buildings, designed to lead folk from the ordinariness of daily life outside to a glimpse of the glory of heaven within. St Martin's is a Grade II* listed building. This idea of transition is enhanced by the building as, having descended from the street level, the eyes are immediately drawn to the elevated sanctuary at the east end and the magnificent reredos made up of paintings and Oberammergau carved statues. With many other unique statues, pulpit and font, together with a comprehensive collection of stained glass, all enclosed by the painted ceiling made up of 144 panels each containing the alms of an overseas diocese of the Anglican Communion when the Church was consecrated. Visitors are welcome to attend Mass before the scheduled opening times.

Opening Times - Saturday 8 September: 1130 – 1600, Sunday 9 September: 1115 – 1600, Saturday 15 September: 1130 – 1600, Sunday 16 September: 1115 - 1600

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

St Paul's Church - Open Door

West Street, Brighton , Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 2RE

St Paul's is one of the most impressive churches in Brighton and its construction in 1846-48 signified the final victory of the gothic style. The church was originally intended to serve the poorer population of the western part of the old town. However, for some years after it was built, it was crowded with fashionable folk as well as fishermen. It was the first church in Brighton to promote the Tractarian movement, which called for the revival of Catholicism in the Church of England. The building has the largest collection of Pugin stained glass in the Church of England. Join us for a guided tour of the building to see this magnificent legacy as well as windows by Kempe. St Paul's is also home to Safe Space, a rescue point operated on Friday and Saturday by the YMCA, to help those in need on those evenings. Street Pastors are also based at St Paul's. On-site disabled parking available in Russell Place with Blue Badge. Disabled toilet facilities limited to grab rails and turning space.

Opening Times - Saturday 8 September: 1000 – 1700, Saturday 15 September: 1030 - 1500

FASHIONABLE HOUSES

Booking Required

The Regency Town House Tour

13 Brunswick Square, Hove, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN3 1EH

Join us for a 90-minute tour around one of the city's finest 1820s terraced town houses, currently being restored as a heritage centre for Brighton & Hove.

Opening Times - Thursday 6 September: Tour 0930, Saturday 15 September: Tour 1030

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

INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL

No booking required

Foredown Tower Camera Obscura Demonstration

Foredown Tower, Foredown Road, Portslade, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN41 2EW

Foredown Tower's camera obscura is the largest in the south-east of England. It shows stunning views of the surrounding countryside, via an optical lens in the summit of this converted water tower. The light projects onto a convex dish in the viewing gallery. Our knowledgeable expert demonstrators will tell you all about the history of points of interest around this 360° journey. On a clear day you can see the Isle of Wight, and look out for flying gulls and cars zipping along the by-pass! Foredown Tower is a hidden gem nestled on the edge of the South Downs, fascinating adults and children alike. This iconic Edwardian water tower stands solid and proud in the skyline of Portslade Old Village. Set inside tall flint walls, the garden is notorious for its "Foredown wind". The Isolation Hospital it was

built to serve has been demolished and replaced by a pleasant housing complex. Take some time out to relax in our garden with a drink and snacks. Cafe open 10.30am to 2pm. Note viewing is weather-dependent: a bright sunny day is ideal, overcast days still produce good images. if it's raining, cancel!

Opening Times - Thursday 13 September: Demonstration 1100-1130, 1200-1230, 1300-1330, Saturday 15 September: Demonstration 1100-1130, 1200-1230, 1300-1330, 1400-1430

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

No booking required

Open Day at The Keep

The Keep, Woollards Way, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 9BP

Come and meet The Keep's staff and find out more about our extensive collections and the work we do to conserve and make them accessible. Once again, we'll be offering behind-the-scenes tours, talks and practical advice for local and family historians, plus displays of rarely seen original archive material. We will be commemorating the centenary of the Armistice in 1918 and celebrating extraordinary women represented in our archives, some of whom were entitled to vote for the first time in the same year. There'll also be tea and cakes, and lots of hands-on activities for families and children! **Directions** We are situated on the edge of Brighton just off the A27 near to the University Campuses and the Amex Stadium. Buses from Brighton and Lewes directions stop close to the building and we are just a 10 minute walk from Falmer train station. Please note that the postcode may not work with Sat Nav systems as it is relatively new but the geographic co-ordinates for the Keep are as follows: N 50°51.550' W 000°05.729' and TQ 32022 08239

Opening Times - Saturday 15 September: 1000 - 1530

EDUCATION

Booking Required

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>

GARDENS, NATURE AND PARKS

No booking required

Preston Rock Garden

Preston Rock Garden, (Opposite Preston Park) Preston Road, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 6SD

Come and celebrate the enduring charm of Preston Rock Gardens with a 90 minute guided tour from Andy, the head gardener. Learn about the history and plans for the future for this lovely garden. Preston Rock Garden was built between 1934 and 1936 on a disused railway bank and covers nearly a hectare (2.4 acres). The Rockery, or Rookery as it's often called, has seen many changes over the years. In recent years the waterfall has been repaired and the pond drained to remove 155 tons of silt. A major overhaul of the planting has also taken place. Meet outside the chalet at the foot of the garden. You might also be interested in the Preston Park - History Tour, see separate listing. **Access Information** There are a few steps in the lower area of the garden but we can generally get by even with wheelchairs. The entire tour is conducted at the front of the garden so there are no steep paths .

Opening Times - Thursday 6, Saturday 8 and Saturday 15 September: 1200 - 1330

The Secret Garden in Kemp Town

The Secret Garden, Corner of Bristol Gardens/ Bristol Place, Brighton , BN2 5JE

The Trustees welcomed over 600 visitors to the Secret Garden for Heritage Open Door 2017. This year, they will be on hand to talk to visitors about future plans and a major exhibition of the work of William Pye, the internationally acclaimed sculptor. The garden has been planned to look at its very best for Heritage Open Door 2018 (HODs 2018) and there will be explanatory handouts on the plants and plantings. For several years, the garden's experienced plantsman has been cultivating the area throughout the seasons, shaping mature shrubs and adding many new species to the planting scheme. Siobhan from TABLE will again be selling luxury teas at HODs 2018, with handcrafted cakes and other refreshments, as well as autumnal produce including speciality organic jams and preserves.

Opening Times - Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 September: 1100 – 1700, Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 September: 1100 – 1700

THEATRE, CINEMA AND ENTERTAINMENT

Booking Required

Brighton Dome

Brighton Dome, 29 New Road, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 1UG

The Grade I listed Brighton Dome has had many guises over its 200-year history. Built by Prince Regent as a stable block, our venue has transformed from a Victorian skating rink, to a WW1 military

hospital, and is now a leading performing arts venue. Take a behind the scenes tour (and get a glimpse of our famed underground tunnel), learn about celebrated landscape designer Humphrey Repton's unrealised vision of the Royal Pavilion Estate, plus live music in the Café-bar and heritage craft activities for our youngest visitors. **Access Information** The Tours can be made fully accessible but we will require notice of access needs when booking, the tours do involved stairs.

Opening Times - Saturday 15 September: 1000 - 1630

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>

ARCHAEOLOGY

Booking Required

Rocky Clump Stanmer Excavation Site

Upper Lodge Car Park, Ditching Road, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex

See an excavation of a late Iron Age to the later Roman period site. Rocky Clump Stanmer - A site dating from the Late Iron Age to the later Roman period. The small farmstead and possible shrine is

focused around a small copse of trees called Rocky Clump. The excavations have revealed numerous features including post holes, pits and some very large ditches which form a rectangular enclosure.

Directions Meet at the Upper Lodge Car Park, which is about 200 metres north of Old Boat Corner, heading towards Ditchling Beacon (TQ 324 098). The car park is sign posted and is on the right hand side of the road when driving north.

Opening Times - Sat 8 September: Tour 1200 – 1245, Saturday 15 September: Tour 1200 - 1245

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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

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Shoreham Lifeboat Station Tour

Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Lifeboat House, Brighton Road, Shoreham-by-Sea, 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

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