

Brighton & Hove Open Door 2018

06-09 and 13-16 September

PROGRAMME for 8th 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

VOTE 100 - Exhibition

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

Though well known in their day, many Suffrage are no longer household names. Working with local schools, community groups, and members of the recently formed Women's History Group, local women are determined that they will never be forgotten and their achievements recognised and honoured. Come and see the photographs, newspaper reports, letters, biographical extracts, banners, posters and creative writing on display in this exhibition.

Opening Times - Saturday 8 September: 1200 - 1600

EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN

Booking Required

Suffragette round Brighton

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

An illustrated talk on local Suffragettes by local historian and blue plaque campaigner Elizabeth Dwyer. Bringing to life some of our Suffragettes who worked at the Regional Office of the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU) near the Clock Tower and their supporters in the town... Mary Hare, Isabella McKeown, Mary Clarke, Ada Schofield, Minnie Turner, Catherine Reid as well as the more famous activists, such as Helen Ogston, Mary Leigh, Christabel and Emmeline Pankhurst, who joined them. Come early to visit the exhibition beforehand.

Opening Times - Saturday 8 September: 1600 - 1700

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

HERE IN THE PAST

No booking required

Here in the Past - Stone Street

Stone Street, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 2HB

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 Stone Street 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 - Saturday 8 September: 1030 - 1130

WALKS, TALKS AND TOURS

No booking required

Regency Square - The Pleasure of Leisure

MEET: North end, Regency Square, beside the Heritage Board , Regency Square, Brighton, BN1 2EF

Join Duncan Cameron for a ninety minute guided walk showing how the area has developed in response to leisure needs. Regency Square and its surroundings was created as a place in which to have fun. We shall see how that has played out up to the present.

Opening Times - Saturday 8 September: 1100 - 1230

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

Commemorative Plaque Trail 1 - Sealife Centre to the Marina

Meet, Harry Ramdsen's, 1-4 Marine Parade, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN2 1TA

There are nearly 100 commemorative plaques in the city of Brighton and Hove. Placed by various bodies - the Council and The Regency Society amongst them. Until recently there was no definitive record of these plaques, but now there is the Regency Society's survey and Plaque Trail publications. This event is designed to encourage awareness of these documents. Join a representative from The Regency Town House project for a gentle journey around the above trail. Each participant will receive a free copy of the trail route, upon arrival at the start point. Allow an hour or so. This trail will take you along Marine Parade and up some side streets. There are one or two steepish bits, but most of the walk is on fairly level ground.

Opening Times - Saturday 8 September: 0930-1030

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

Commemorative Plaque Trail 2 - The Floral Clock Circular

Start: top of Palmeira Square at the Floral Clock, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex

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Opening Times - Saturday 8 September: 1300-1400

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

Commemorative Plaque Trail 3 - The Old Town of Brighton

Start: Old Steine, northeast corner of St James' Street, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex

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Opening Times - Saturday 8 September: 1100-1200

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

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

The Waste House Tour

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

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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 Guided Tour, Photo Exhibition and Vaughan Williams

All Saints Church, Junction The Drive and Eaton Road, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN3 3QE

Home to the marriage of British composer, Vaughan Williams, All Saints stands as one of the finest churches of the 19th century Gothic Revival and the creation of two remarkable men: Thomas Peacey and John Loughborough Pearson. All Saints has one of the richest arrays of Christian iconography of the period and its furnishings of carved stone and woodwork, together with the great scheme of stained glass created by the pre-eminent firm of Clayton and Bell are of an extraordinary high quality. It has always been highly regarded as a building: Nikolaus Pevsner described it as 'superb and cathedral-like'.

Saturday 8 September 10am-12pm:

10am: Opening with a Vaughan Williams organ piece played by All Saints Church Director of Music, Jon Rawles, followed by a welcome from Fr Ryan Green and a guided tour. A photography exhibition from local artist and parishioner Sarah Sutherland-Rowe will be on display, portraying the life of the church and the Brighton and Hove community, alongside an ornate collection of church treasures. The session will finish with tea and homemade cakes.

Sunday 9 September 11.30am to 1.30pm:

11.30am: Opening with a Vaughan Williams piece performed by All Saints Choir, followed by a welcome from Fr Ryan Green and a guided tour. A photography exhibition from local artist and

parishioner Sarah Sutherland-Rowe will be on display, portraying the life of the church and the Brighton and Hove community, alongside an ornate collection of church treasures. The session will finish with tea and homemade cakes.

Opening Times - Saturday 8 September: 1000 – 1200, Sunday 9 September: 1130 - 1330

Brighton Quakers Meeting House

Friends Meeting House, Ship Street, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 1AF

The Meeting Room in the Friends' Meeting House will be open through the day for an exhibition on the history of Quakers and particularly the Quakers in Brighton and the history of this building. Come and visit the Quaker Meeting House and 19th century adult education centre where there will be an exhibition telling the story of Brighton's Quaker community from 1655 and the history of the Friends' Meeting House which was built in 1805. Visitors will be able to purchase books on the history of Brighton Quakers and postcards. Quakers and others will be here to answer questions. There will be a DVD playing through the day with interviews.

Opening Times - Saturday 8 September: 1000 - 1630

Edwardian Stencilling at St Peter's Church, Preston Park

St Peter's, Preston Park, Preston Road, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 6SD

There will be a free, guided range of craft activities, linked to our conservation work of the Edwardian stencilling in the chancel, which will be carried out in June and July. Prior to the activities, why not look around the church. This simple 13th century flint church makes a pleasing medieval contrast with its suburban surroundings. It is notable for the substantial area of 14th century wall paintings and is in the care of The Churches Conservation Trust.

Opening Times - Saturday 8 September: 1100-1600

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 Helen's Church Open Days

St Helen's Church, Hangleton Way/Downsview, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN3 8ER

Listed Grade II, St Helen's has parts variously dated to Late Saxon to Early Norman. It does not feature in Domesday, but certainly was in existence by 1093. The Tower was added c.1300 along with a re-modelling of the Chancel. The decline of the village after the black death in the mid 14th century to a population of less than 100 which level remained until the 20th century was probably responsible for saving St Helen's from the Victorian 'restorers'. Today much of the medieval fabric remains, the inside having more changes to make a living building more suitable for today's worship, while retaining a few original features. Much repair and restoration has been done in recent years, the 1960s north vestry has flint walls to match the original construction materials. After water damage in the 1950s, several layers of medieval wall paintings were uncovered and stabilized. There will be a church service Sunday morning at 10:45 to 12:00 for those who would like to attend. **Additional information** - There will be displays in the church about its history and a special display about the First World War memorial window giving a brief history of those mentioned on the window and their link to St Helen's including relations who have visited the church this year.

Opening Times - Friday 7 September: 1000 – 1700, Saturday 8 September: 1000 – 1700 and Sunday 9 September: 1000 – 1700

St Leonard's Church, Aldrington

St Leonard's Church, 211 New Church Road, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN3 4DB

St Leonard's Church is the original parish church of Aldrington, Hove. The north-east corner, which was never consecrated, has been managed as an organic community allotment since 2013, by the 'Secret Garden' group. In the 1700s a storm destroyed almost all of the church of St Leonard's. It was not until 1877/78 that the ruin was replaced by a small building with a chancel, nave, vestry and bell tower, designed by Carpenter & Ingelow. Some of the knapped flints from the earlier building survive in the lowest level of the current tower. In the 1930s a larger chancel, nave, baptistry and vestries were added on the north and east sides, designed by Harold Milburn Pett, the Diocesan Architect, in the 'medieval' style of the older church. The bell tower, to which a spire was added at this time, has 6 bells which are still in active use today. The chancel is light and airy and there are some excellent stained glass windows designed by Clayton & Bell. The graveyard, which contains some interesting memorials, is one of only three public access open spaces in the parish and recently there has been an experimental attempt in its management, to encourage wildlife. We will be remembering Sir C Aubrey Smith, 70 years after his death - with a small courtesy of Sussex County Cricket Club. We will celebrate 100 years since women were granted the vote, remembering those who lived in Hove and made a contribution to both local & national life - the famous ones & the unsung heroines.

Opening Times - Saturday 8 September: 1100 - 1600

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

No booking required

33 Palmeira Mansions (The English Language Centre)

Corner of Salisbury Road and Church Road, Brighton & Hove, BN3 2GB

A great opportunity to see the ground and first floor of this impressive Victorian house 33 Palmeira Mansions, to look at the restoration which has taken place in this Grade II* listed building. Inside it has a magnificent Victorian interior, comprising of a marble staircase, alabaster tiled walls, marble dados, and many extraordinary fireplaces with elaborate overmantels, these being described in the listing as 'an outstanding collection of fittings'. This years Heritage Open Day there will be some photographs of remarkable furniture from the house and a few examples of electric light fittings. Those attending can find out about more extensive tours of the premises that take place throughout the year and the possibility of private tours for societies.

Opening Times - Saturday 8 September: 1100 - 1600

FASHIONABLE HOUSES

Booking Required

37 Kensington Place Tour

37 Kensington Place, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 4EJ

Admirers of the Sir John Soane Museum will enjoy this property. This North Laine home in Kensington Place built in 1847 has featured in publications and was used for the 2009 press launch of Heritage Open Days. It is furnished with antiques from the first half of the 19th century and is hung with a large collection of prints, drawings and paintings many of which relate to Brighton and the period of the house. The garden is also open. **Access Information** There are two flights of stairs in the property so unfortunately wheelchairs cannot be accommodated.

Opening Times - Friday 7 September: Tours 1100 - 1200 & 1400 – 1500, Saturday 8 September: Tours 1100 - 1200 & 1400 - 1500 & 1530 - 1630

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

Clayton Tunnel North Portal

Tunnel House, Clayton Hill, Clayton, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN6 9PQ

What lies behind the commanding battlements of the Clayton tunnel North Portal? Every day hundreds of trains hurtle under this Gothic folly whose imposing castellated towers protect the old tunnel keeper's cottage. But for most people this secluded building remains a mystery. What are its historical origins? What lies behind the commanding battlements? And what's it like having trains running right beneath your living room? This tour will answer all these questions and more. Visitors will be shown around the grounds and have the chance to go into the cottage, view some memorabilia and experience the trains. Please note that due to space limitations no one will be granted access unless they hold a confirmed booking. We regret that we cannot admit anyone under the age of 18. **Access Information** Access to Clayton Tunnel grounds is via a gravel track and rutted earth paths and therefore regrettably not suitable for wheelchairs. We regret that we cannot admit anyone under the age of 18. Visitors should wear practical footwear and bring an umbrella should rain be likely since the grounds are exposed. Please note that, due to space limitations, no one will be granted access unless they hold a confirmed booking. Please take great care when crossing the 50mph main road alongside Tunnel House. **Directions** Next door to the Jack & Jill pub in Clayton (BN6 9PD), close to the intersection of the A273 and New Way Lane. Please assemble outside the large steel gates in New Way Lane opposite the garden of the Jack & Jill pub.. Please note that parking at the Jack & Jill pub is for PATRONS ONLY.

Opening Times - Saturday 8 September: Tour 1400 & 1600, Sunday 9 September: Tour 1400 & 1600

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

INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL

No booking required

Bardsley's of Baker Street, Max Miller Room

22-23A Baker Street, Brighton, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 4JN

Bardsley's of Baker Street is a Brighton & Hove icon. A back-street fish and chip shop that regularly scoops top national rankings for the quality of its service and its servings. During Heritage Open Days why not pop along to the shop and see one local icon's acknowledgement to another by discovering the Max Miller Room. Developed in collaboration with the Max Miller Appreciation Society, the room contains original memorabilia, including one of the Cheeky Chappie's stage costumes. Miller was born in Brighton and his link with the City has become more obvious recently with the unveiling of his statue in New Road. Bardsley's tribute is an appropriate addition! Max Miller Appreciation Society membership documentation available to visitors.

Opening Times - Thursday 6, Friday 7 and Saturday 8 September: 1230 - 1500 & 1700 - 2030

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

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

Preston Park History Tour

Florianas Rotunda Cafe, Preston Park, Preston Road, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 6HN

Ever wondered about the history of Preston Park - the biggest and first municipal park in the city? This Illustrated History of Preston Park Walk will take you on a journey from Roman times to the present day. What was the ancient significance of this plot? Who owned the land, and when and why did they sell it? Who provided the money to buy the land to be a park? You will get to know the strange and varied buildings in the park, two of which are listed, one of which was bought from a distant agricultural show and moved, piecemeal, to the park. You'll meet - in pictorial form - the eccentric man who fashioned much of the park's display as it's seen today - an early recycler of materials. And there are interesting stories about the park's use in both the First and Second World Wars. Researched from a number of sources and accompanied by around 20 amazing images which will be distributed as you walk around, this is a walk you'll remember.

Opening Times - Saturday 8 September: 1430 - 1600

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

The Secret Garden, Hove

Behind St Leonard's Church, New Church Road, Hove, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN3 4ED

Our Secret Garden is a secret no more! And rightly so. Over the last four years it has been transformed by the local community from an overgrown bramble and thistle patch in a graveyard, to a community garden incorporating a wildlife haven with a pond; bird and bat boxes; honey bees; bumble bees; butterflies; dragonflies; frogs; a bug hotel and wormery. Volunteers come and work on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11am – 2pm throughout the year and are supervised in gardening the vegetable and flower beds. It is accessible for wheelchairs and we have just finished a paved pathway around the garden, including bench seating. It has a lovely atmosphere and in 2017 we won the Best in Britain Community Garden "Thriving" award. **Access Information** Disabled access is limited at the moment, but there are plans to make the main path and adjoining beds suitable for wheelchair users. The garden encourages children accompanied by their parents to work or play alongside us to educate and enhance their knowledge of growing things and wildlife. **Additional information** St. Leonard's Church is open along with the Secret garden so why not visit both?

Opening Times - Saturday 8 September: 1100 - 1400

GARDENS, NATURE AND PARKS

Booking Required

The Grand Cemetery Tour

Meet in the Woodvale Crematorium car park on Bear Road, Woodvale Crematorium, Lewes Road, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN2 3QB

Much more than gravestones A walk through the Victorian necropolis, noting the many monuments and mausoleums, pillars, columns, obelisks, angels, urns, sarcophagi and vaults. I'll explain to you the meanings of the sculpted symbolism depicting art and nature which reflects the social history of past eras, from Victorian gothic to Art Nouveau, Twenties and on and I'll tell you about those fascinating and famous people! Then, finally...a look inside the Victorian Gothic chapel - with its wonderful stained glass windows. plus a few surprises! Tour lasts approximately 1hr 30m-2 hours, keeping mostly to the tarmac paths. It is fairly steep. There is one public toilet near beginning of tour by the North and South Chapels. Tour guide Sarah Tobias is lecturer in social, cultural and local history.

Access Information Tour lasts approximately 1hr 30m-2 hours, keeping mostly to the tarmac paths. It is fairly steep. There is one public toilet near beginning of tour by the North and South Chapels.

Directions Meet 11am Woodvale Extra-Mural Cemetery, Bear Road Entrance (not Lewes Road), car park (free) - situated on right after you turn in large black gates. Buses stop fairly near at top of Elm Grove by Brighton General, then walk along Tenantry Down Road and left into Bear Road.

Opening Times - Saturday 8 September: 1100 - 1300

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

THEATRE, CINEMA AND ENTERTAINMENT

No booking required

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

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

ARCHITECTURE

No booking required

Building the Denman Legacy

The Regency Town House, 13 Brunswick Square, Hove, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN3 1EH

See examples of John Leopold Denman's architectural drawings. The Denman family, humble Sussex builders in the early-to-mid-19th century, rose to become amongst the most influential of local architectural clans during the 20th century. Today, almost all of us will fairly regularly negotiate our way through (and past) a wide variety of properties they have shaped. This small exhibition exposes and celebrates their contribution to the local townscape and will, hopefully, encourage a larger and more comprehensive presentation in the future.

Opening Times - Saturday 8 September: 1300-1600

ARCHITECTURE

Booking Required

George Jackson and Sons - Architectural Ornamentalists

The Regency Town House, 13 Brunswick Square, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN3 1EH

Visit our small exhibition about the firm of George Jackson & Sons Ltd. One hundred years ago, Jackson's were, without doubt, the country's greatest architectural ornamentalists. Today, the portion of the Jackson archive held at The Regency Town House is undergoing 3D scanning, in collaboration with a team from the University of Brighton. Come along and discover what's happening and why.

Opening Times - Saturday 8 September: 1500 - 1600

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

Maintaining Your Historic Brighton & Hove Home

The Regency Town House, 13 Brunswick Square, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN3 1EH

Do you live in a local historic house? Then you likely spend quite a lot maintaining the property. Are you getting good value for money and doing the right things to minimise outlay and maximise benefit. Are you helping yourself financially and helping the original fabric of your home survive into the future? If you are confused about historic property maintenance, come along to our event focusing on the basics of good practice.

Opening Times - Saturday 8 September: 1400 - 1500

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

Plaster Ornament in Period Houses

The Regency Town House, 13 Brunswick Square, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN3 1EH

Join us for a short presentation about how the ornamental plaster decorations in Regency and Victorian houses were made and fitted. Wear old clothes if you wish to participate in working with the plaster demonstrations. Duration approximately 45 minutes.

Opening Times - Saturday 8 September: 1600 - 1700

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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