

# Brighton & Hove Open Door 2017

7 - 10 September

## PROGRAMME

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 the second week of 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 a number of thematic categories. Where booking is required, this can be done via The Regency Town House website ([www.rth.org.uk/BHOD17](http://www.rth.org.uk/BHOD17)).

Booking is open from 12:00 on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

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.

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

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

## Thanks

During 2017 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/BHOD17>. Please make reference to our online media for all last-minute updates.

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

## HERE IN THE PAST

Discover the Here in the Past Project

### Regency Town House, 13 Brunswick Square, BN3 1EH

Our new Here in the Past project further documents Brighton & Hove's historic properties and residents, taking in houses and peoples across many areas not covered by our MHMS initiative. Meet the volunteers working on this project and take away information explaining how to learn more about your own home or street. Perhaps, you might even sign up to help the initiative? If you'd like more about the history of exactly where you live, don't miss this opportunity!

Times: · Thursday: 1200-1645  
· Friday: 1200 - 1700

## HERE IN THE PAST STREETS

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. Our Here in the Past desk will be on. Be sure to tell your friends about our local history events during this year's HODs, perhaps we are showcasing their street too! We are currently working on various streets in Brighton. They are as follows.

**Brunswick Terrace** - Meet outside No. 1 Brunswick Terrace, BN3 1HN  
Friday: 1830-1930

**Charles Street** - Outside No. 5 Charles Street, BN2 1TG  
Saturday: 1030-1130

**Church Street** - Outside No. 60 Church Street, BN1 3LF  
Saturday: 1200-1300

**Clarendon Place** - Opposite No. 4 Clarendon Place, BN2 1JD  
Saturday: 1430-1530

**Osborne Villas** - Meet outside No. 6 Osborne Villas, BN3 2RE  
Sunday: 1800-1900

**Reynolds Road** - Meet outside No. 10 Reynolds Road, BN3 5RJ  
Sunday: 1630-1730

**Rock Street** - Outside The Rock Inn, 7 Rock Street, BN2 1NF  
Saturday: 1600-1700

**Ventnor Villas** - Meet outside 19 Ventnor Villas, BN3 3DE  
Friday: 1700-1800

## WALKS, TALKS AND TOURS

### 'Here in the Past' Retail Trail

Start: the 'Here in the Past' stall - Junction Gloucester Road and Sydney Street,

Members of the research team from the Regency Town House will be available at the stall in Gloucester Road to introduce our Retail Trail work, which will open your eyes

to some interesting architectural features and hidden stories in the well known 'North Laine' area.

Times : Sunday, 1200-1500

Directions: Gloucester Road, between Kensington Gardens and Sydney Street.

### Architecture & Materials - from Bungarooch to Iron and Beyond - Robert Street

Meet at the corner of Robert Street and North Road, North Laine,

Come and discover Robert Street's fascinating story and gain an insight into Brighton's unique history. The walk will be led by one of the research team and will visit a number of streets including Robert Street.

Times: · Sunday, Walk 1300-1400

### Beanfields to Bohemia Walk - North Laine

Meet at Brighton Museum Entrance, Pavilion Gardens, BN1 3XE

Join local historian Dr Geoffrey Mead for a 2-hour stroll through the streets of the North Laine conservation area looking at aspects of historical and contemporary interest. Starts promptly. Children welcome when accompanied by an adult.

Times: · Saturday, Walk 1000-1200

### Brighton Beach Linear Walk

Brighton Pier, Madeira Drive, BN2 1TW

Brighton beach has a mix of human activities from fishing to nightclubs, but also a range of natural features, pebbles and waves, gulls and sand. A linear walk from the Palace Pier west to the Hove border.

Times: · Saturday, Walk 1600-1800

Directions: Meet at entrance to Palace (Brighton) Pier, west side.

### Brighton's Hidden Gem - West Hill

St Nicholas Church, Church Street, BN1 3LJ

Near the Seven Dials is Brighton's secret gem - West Hill. Join local historian Dr Geoffrey Mead for a stroll through narrow twittens and grand buildings, great views and hidden gardens.

Times: · Sunday, Walk 1600-1800

Directions: St Nicholas church doorway, off Dyke Rd Brighton

### Down on the Border: Norfolk Square

Norfolk Square bus stop, Western Road, BN1 2AA

Norfolk Square lies on the former Brighton & Hove parish border. This walk weaves to and fro through the borderland between seafront and Western Road, a landscape of grand architecture and the 'Zone in Transition'

Times: · Saturday, Walk 1300-1500

### **Hanover's Early History and Architecture**

Meet outside Percy Almshouses at bottom of Islingword Road and Lewes Road near the Antiques shop, Hanover Place, Lewes Road, BN2 9SD

Join local history enthusiast, Kevin Wilsher, for this introduction to the history of the earliest streets in Hanover and some of their building's architectural features. Starting at The Percy and Wagner Almshouses which were built for the poor, we'll then visit Hanover Crescent to see where the wealthy of the Georgian period lived.

Times: · Thursday, 1830-1930

### **More than Shopping: Brighton's Western Road**

**Meet: Wykeham Terrace, BN1 3FF**

More than shopping - Brighton's Western Road. A walk with Dr Geoffrey Mead.

Times: · Sunday, 1300-1500

Additional information: A meander through the city's main shopping area...looking at more than shops.

Directions: Wykeham Terrace, bottom of Dyke Rd, Brighton.

### **Pelham Square - A New Look at an Old Square!**

Meet at the red telephone boxes at the corner of Pelham Square, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex

An architectural assessment of Pelham Square. We will be looking at some of the Square's more interesting architectural features and discovering its fascinating story.

Times: · Sunday, Walk 1430-1515

### **Regency Square - The Pleasure of Leisure**

Meet: North end of Regency Square, beside the Heritage Board, Regency Square, BN1 2EF

Join Duncan Cameron for a 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.

Times: · Saturday, Walk 1100-1230

### **The Aubrey Beardsley Tour**

Meet: W H Smith's bookshop on the concourse of Brighton Station, Queens Road, BN1 3XP

Join guide Alexia Lazou for a gentle 90-120 minute stroll through Brighton, exploring the buildings and places associated with the early life of artist Aubrey Beardsley (1872-1898), famous for his innovative black and white illustrations.

Times: · Sunday, 1100-1300

### **Two Sides to Every Valley**

Meet at Brighton Museum Entrance, Pavilion Gardens, BN1 3XE

Two sides to every valley - a walk with Dr Geoffrey Mead. An exploration of the Valley Gardens area of central Brighton.

Times: · Sunday, 1000-1200

Access Information: This walk will involve some steep Brighton hills and some tiny alleys but will reveal some hidden gems.

Directions: Brighton Museum entrance, Royal Pavilion Gardens NCP car parks short walk, buses to Old Steine/North St stops

### **The Feibusch Nativity Mural At St Wilfrid's**

St. Wilfrids Flats, Whippingham Road, BN2 3PZ

The stunning mural painted by Hans Feibusch in 1939 has been unseen for thirty seven years. This is a unique opportunity to view. The mural adorns three walls in what was the Lady Chapel of the former Anglican church of St Wilfrid's which is now sheltered housing. The building is Grade II listed and replaced the original temporary tin church of 1901. He worked as a muralist and sculptor in thirty English Anglican churches including Ely Cathedral. Guide Sarah Tobias is lecturer in social, cultural and local history.

Times: · Thursday, 1100-1300

Directions: St Wilfred's is situated on the corner of Whippingham Road and Elm Grove. Entrance is in Whippingham Road. There is very limited street parking. Bus nos 21, 21a, 22, 23 stop outside.

### **Great Grandmother and the Brighton Workhouse**

13 Brunswick Square, Hove, BN3 1EH

It is said that the Brighton Workhouse, now Brighton General Hospital, that sits at the top of Elm Grove, was purpose built in order to loom over the city as a forever present threat to the poor. The film is an exploration of the filmmaker's family's long history of living in Brighton, with a focus on her Great Grandmother Alice's time spent in the Brighton Workhouse in the 1930's, which subsequently led to her being admitted as a patient at Haywards Heath asylum (now St Francis Hospital) where she stayed for over 20 years

Times: Sunday, 1215-1245

### **Holy Trinity Church & Fabrica celebrate The Holy Trinity's 200th anniversary**

Fabrica at Holy Trinity Church, 40 Duke Street, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 1AG

Holy Trinity Church & Fabrica Heritage Open Day: Fabrica are celebrating The Holy Trinity's 200th anniversary.

12-2pm: Drop-in to see the former Holy Trinity Church, which now operates as a contemporary art gallery. Drop in

for some tea and cake and find out more about your local history.

2-3pm: Dr Geoffrey Mead presents: Holy Trinity to Fabrica: a building in its community, Continuity & Change.

Thursday 7 September: 1200-1500

### **A History of the Brighton Workhouses**

13 Brunswick Square, Hove, BN3 1EH

This talk is about the 'other side' or 'hidden history' of Brighton rather than the one of popular imagination: that of the high lifestyle of the rich and famous during the years of royal patronage. For over 200 years the town's workhouses illustrated the jarring reality of the poverty and squalor of life for many inhabitants. Through extracts from the rootless tramping poor and the indigenous poor, we will hear the voice of some of the forgotten lives of Brighton.

Times: · Sunday, 1100-1230

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-history-of-the-brighton-workhouses-tickets-35173835890>

### **Commemorative Plaque Trails**

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. 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.

#### **Trail 1 - Sealife centre to the marina**

Meet, Harry Ramsden's, 1-4 Marine Parade, BN2 1TA

Times: · Saturday, Walk 0930-1030

Booking

Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/commemorative-plaque-trail-1-sealife-centre-to-the-marina-tickets-35632530859>

#### **Trail 2 - The floral clock circular**

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

This trail will introduce you to some of the commemorative plaques in Hove. We'll show you Hove's first official plaque, and by the end of the trail you'll see that not all ceramic roundels have to be blue! Allow an hour or so to complete this event.

Times: · Saturday, Walk 1300-1400

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/copy-of-commemorative-plaque-trail-2-the-floral-clock-circular-tickets-35632687327>

#### **Trail 3 - The old town of Brighton**

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

This route takes you from Old Steine to Cavendish Place, via some of the oldest streets in Brighton, showing you a wide variety of plaques on the way. Allow an hour or so for the plaques walk, and perhaps some time for the shops and restaurants at the end!

Times: · Saturday, Walk 1100-1200

Booking

Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/commemorative-plaque-trail-3-the-old-town-of-brighton-tickets-35632740486>

### **Discover the Kemp Town Railway Tunnel**

Meet at 'The Train', junction of Freshfield Road and Eastern Road near Gala Bingo, 1 Freshfield Way, BN2 0LE

Join local history enthusiast Kevin Wilsher for a short introduction to the history of the Kemp Town branch line followed by a visit to the long forgotten railway tunnel. The tunnel stretches almost 1 km from under Elm Grove Primary School to the site of the Kemp Town railway station and is not generally open to the public. We will explore the first 50m of the tunnel.

Times: · Thursday, 1315-1345

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kemp-town-railway-tunnel-tickets-35038280440>

Directions: Look for 'The Train' sculpture at the junction of Freshfield Road and Eastern Road near Gala Bingo

### **Not Just the Trunk Murders! An illustrated Walk in Kemp Street**

Meet south end of Kemp Street, Brighton & Hove

Kemp Street has long had a notorious place in Brighton's history with the infamous Trunk Murders of 1934. Find out about this and more fascinating stories in this street's past, including the story of the last large-scale smallpox outbreak in England.

Times: · Sunday, Walk 1500-1600

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/not-just-the-trunk-murders-a-myhousemystreet-illustrated-walk-in-kemp-street-tickets-35590230337>

### **Sex and Shopping! A Guided Walk of Gardner Street**

Meet: junction of Gardener St and Church St outside Gelato Gusto ice cream parlour, BN1 1UP

Join us for a guided tour of Gardner Street and neighbouring Orange Row (all that remains of the once infamous Pimlico district of Brighton). The walk will last a maximum of one hour and will aim to highlight 200 years of the streets' somewhat chequered history.

Times: · Sunday, Walk 1200

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sex-and-shopping-a-guided-walk-of-gardner-street-and-orange-row-tickets-35590252403>



### **Slaughter in Trafalgar Street - and more...**

Meet at the North side of Pelham Square, Brighton & Hove, BN1 4ET

Explore the rich history behind the jumbled facades of Trafalgar Street, from open fields to Conservation Area. Along the way we'll meet scholars and shopkeepers, pubs and philanthropists, council control and yes, cows.

Times: · Sunday, 1300-1400

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/slaughter-in-traffic-street-and-more-tickets-35590278481>

### **TAKE SHELTER! @ Downs Junior School**

Downs Junior School, Rugby Road, BN1 6ED

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. We are offering 140 visitors a free 45 minute guided tour (in groups of 10). Tours times will be every 15 minutes from 12:00 to 15:15 and must be booked in advance.

Times: · Saturday, 1200-1600

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/take-shelter-tickets-35122212483>

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.

### **The Brunswick Town Walk**

START: Regency Town House, 13 Brunswick Square, Hove, BN3 1EH

Join us for a gentle 90-minute guided walk around historic Brunswick Town, designed as a Regency new town in the 1820s by the architect Charles Augustin Busby.

Times: · Thursday, Tour 1130

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-brunswick-town-walk-tickets-35169042553>

Access Information: Wheelchair users note, some surfaces rutted, some parts of route use roadway.

### **The Development of North Laine as Brighton's Industrial and Commercial Suburb**

Meet at: entrance to Brighton Museum, Royal Pavilion Gardens, BN1 1EE

Join Peter Crowhurst, co-producer of the recently published 'North Laine Book', for a wander through the streets and twittens of North Laine to Trafalgar St and then back to Church St. There are no mobility issues as such although participants will need to be able to keep up with the pace of the group.

Times: · Thursday, Tour 1100-1230

· Sunday, Tour 1100-1230

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-development-of-north-laine-as-brightons-industrial-and-commercial-suburb-tickets-35035554286>

Directions: Meet outside the Brighton Museum entrance off Church St

### **The Rise of a Seaside Town - an architectural history of Brighton**

Regency Town House, 13 Brunswick Square, BN3 1EH

The Rise of a Seaside Town - an architectural history of Brighton. Man has occupied the Brighton area since Neolithic times. This illustrated talk looks at the architecture of the town during its growth from a medieval fishing village to a seawater spa, a royal retreat, a railway town, and a popular coastal resort - the centuries which gave Brighton its distinctive character.

Times: · Thursday, 1700-1800

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-rise-of-a-seaside-town-an-architectural-history-of-brighton-tickets-35173979319>

### **The Lewes Road Cemeteries: Memorials of the Great War 1914-18**

Meet: Inside the City Cemetery Gate on Bear Road, City Cemetery, Bear Road, BN2 4DA

Join Maire McQueeney for a 60 minute guided stroll exploring the monuments of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, St. Dunstan's plot, graves of German PoWs who died in local military hospitals and the final resting place of Mary Lawrenson, founder of the Women's Cooperative Guild.

Times: · Saturday, Tour 1100-1200

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-lewes-road-cemeteries-memorials-of-the-great-war-1914-18-tickets-35750903916>

Directions: There is free parking in the cemetery, alternatively buses 37 (Bevendean Road) and 2, 22 (top of Bear Road) stop nearby.

### **The Lewes Road Cemeteries: Paths of Glory**

Meet Extra-Mural Cemetery Entrance Gates on Lewes Road, Lewes Road Vogue Gyratory System, BN2 3QB

Join Maire McQueeney for a 2 hour twilight stroll in Brighton Extra-Mural Cemetery and Woodvale to visit the 11 lodges, chapels, mausoleum, and grand 19th & 20th Century personal and family monuments designated Grade II listed by English Heritage including The Church of The Holy Cross, the mortuary chapel designed by Amon Henry Wilds. (free parking in cemetery drive also Lewes Road Buses).

Times: · Thursday, 1730-1930

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-lewes-road-cemeteries-paths-of-glory-tickets-35750883856>

Access Information: It is likely that one monument on the walking tour will not be navigable by wheelchair and must be viewed at distance. Otherwise full disabled access.

There is a max 20 people per tour/session.

Directions: There is some free parking in the cemetery drive. Alternatively use any of the Lewes Road Buses, stop at Vogue Gyratory by Sainsburys.

### **Thomas Kemp's Seaside Estate**

Meet outside 14 Arundel Terrace, BN2 1FG

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

Times: • Saturday, Walk 1400-1500

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thomas-kemps-seaside-estate-tickets-35136032820>

### **Guided Walking Tour of Hove Old Cemetery**

Brighton & Hove City Council, Hove Cemetery, Old Shoreham Road, BN3 7EF

Mobster, Mutiny and Military Mettle - Walking tour of Hove's Old Cemetery. We visit perhaps the most mendacious grave in the cemetery, that of a notorious London mobster who relocated to Brighton and Hove in the inter-war years. An absorbing and fascinating place to visit; the cemetery reflects the Victorian death culture and the social importance of significant family memorials and is the last resting place of some prominent Hove residents.

Times: • Saturday, Tours 1030-1200 & 1400-1530

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/guided-walking-tour-of-hove-old-cemetery-...>

Directions: We will meet by the chapel, cemetery south. There is parking.

### **The Sweet Sound of Love**

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

Explore grotesque and truly frivolous Brighton spirit at a theatrical dinner experience at the Regency Town House. Contemporary artist Anya Mokhova and chef Paul Couchman prepare a short and sweet menu for those craving an extravagant mix of 18th and 21st centuries cultures and tastes, curated by Kitty Brandon-James. Experience includes visiting the Depths of Reflections exhibition beforehand. Not suitable for those with lactose intolerance. Not suitable for children

Times: • Saturday, 1500-1600, 1600-1700

• Sunday, 1500-1600, 1600-1700

Booking details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-sweet-sound-of-love-tickets-36650811564>

### **The Depths of Reflection**

Basement of 10 Brunswick Square, BN3 1EG

Experience an exhibition at the servants' quarters in the Regency Town House annex, by contemporary artist Anya Mokhova, curated by Kitty Brandon-James. Vision and touch, reality and fantasies will merge in a narrative, inviting the visitors for a sensual and a little ambiguous journey. Emerging from classical sculptural traditions, works suggest interaction in uncanny ways. Booking of the Sweet Sound of Love experience on Saturday and Sunday includes exhibition visit. Not suitable for children.

Times: Friday, 1800-2000

- Saturday, 1200-1500
- Sunday: 1200-1500

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-depths-of-reflection-tickets-36650952987>

The steps down to the basement of No. 10 are narrow and steep so visitors should take care.

## **LGBTQ**

### **A Wobbly-Wobbly Walk**

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

A brisk tour on foot visiting the secret haunts of the twilight men of days gone by. Led by Tom Sargent, co-founder and trustee of Brighton Ourstory, the lesbian, gay and bisexual history charity. Twenty places available: please book early. Not suitable for children. In case of wet weather please bring your best umbrella. This event will be repeated on Friday if there is sufficient demand.

Times: Thursday, 1900-2030

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-wobbly-wobbly-walk-tickets-35718850042>

Access Information: Wheelchair users note, some surfaces rutted, some parts of route use roadway. Not suitable for children. There is a max of 20 people per tour/session. Arranged in partnership with Brighton Ourstory (Registered charity number 1106242)

### **What the lady's maid saw**

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

For the sort of women who employed servants to get them dressed every day, it wasn't the butler but their ladies' maids who saw them naked. So did this intimacy often – or ever – lead to sexual desire, or even love? And if it did, who was desiring whom? This talk will look at some women in the 19th and early 20th centuries whose cross-class relationships might today be called lesbian. What sort of intimacy was possible for them in a world where relationships between domestic servants and their employers really wasn't like that of Downton Abbey?

Times: Sunday, 1400-1500

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/what-the-ladys-maid-saw-tickets-35813987601>

Access Information: Adults only.

Arranged in partnership with Brighton Ourstory (Registered charity number 1106242)

### **Toupie Lowther – her Life**

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

Well known in her lifetime, 1874 – 1944, Toupie Lowther was a successful woman fencer, tennis player, and talented composer. She was the founder of an all women Ambulance Unit that served with the French army, at the front, during the German advance of 1918. A talented musician she was also a lover of motorbikes and fast cars.

Times: Sunday 10 September: 1300-1400

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/toupie-lowther-her-life-tickets-35590565339>

### **Only in Brighton: Piers and Queers**

Meet Regency Square, by the statue, Kings Road, BN1 2HH

Marking 50 years since the decriminalisation of homosexuality, Blue Badge Tourist Guide Ric Morris leads you through 200 years of Brighton's history from a lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans perspective. In a walk along the seafront and historic city centre, we shed light on hidden histories, prominent figures, extraordinary unsung heroes, private lives and public celebrations - and role of the city as a place of resort and freedom.

Times: Sunday, 1100-1300

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/only-in-brighton-piers-and-queers-tickets-35174162868>

## **RELIGIOUS SPACES**

### **All Saints' Church Guided Tour and Vaughan Williams organ piece**

Junction The Drive / Eaton Road, Hove, BN1 1UF

All Saints stands as one of the finest churches of the 19th century Gothic Revival and the creation of two remarkable men: Thomas Peacey, the first Vicar of modern-day Hove, and John Loughborough Pearson, one of the principal architects of the period. It is listed Grade I and is the largest and most costly of Pearson's great town churches, exceeded in size only by his two cathedrals of Truro and Brisbane

Welcome by Fr Ryan Green followed by a tour after which there will be a Vaughan Williams organ piece played by All Saints Church Director of Music, Jon Rawles. The session will finish with tea and homemade cakes.

Times: Saturday, Tour 1000-1200

Access Information: Ramp available to access church.

### **All Saints' Church Guided Tour and choral piece sung by All Saints Church choir**

Junction The Drive / Eaton Road, BN1 1UF

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11:30am Welcome by Fr Ryan Green followed by a tour after which there will be a choral piece sung by All Saints Church choir. The session will finish with tea and homemade cakes.

Times: Sunday: Tour 1130-1330

Access Information: Accessible via ramp into the church.

### **All Saints' Church, Patcham**

All Saints Church, Church Hill, BN1 8YE

Come and visit our 12th Century church with its 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). 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

Times: Saturday, 1000-1700

· Sunday, 1200-1600

Directions: Church is at the top of Church Hill near the junction with Vale Avenue

### **Brighton Quakers Meeting House**

Friends Meeting House, Ship Street, BN1 1AF

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.

Times: Saturday, 1000-1700

Access Information: Ground floor fully wheelchair accessible. Disability access toilet available.

### **Edwardian Stencilling at St Peter's Church, Preston Park**

St Peter's, Preston Park, Preston Road, BN1 6SD

Talk on the conservation of the Edwardian stencilling in our chancel. Prior to the talk, 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.

Times: · Friday, Talk 1900-2030

### **Graveyard Tour at St Helen's Church, Hangleton**

Hangleton Way, Hangleton, BN3 8ER

A Graveyard Tour led by local historian Trevor Povey will occur at 7pm. The churchyard is not very large but is very uneven in places so sensible shoes will be needed. Visitors will have the opportunity to purchase a glass of wine or fruit juice and nibbles prior to the tour. This Grade II listed Late Saxon to Early Norman church will be open showing the history of the church with old photographs, drawings and text.

Times: · Friday, Tour 1900-2000

Access Information: Wheelchair access via door to south side of church. The churchyard is not very large but is very uneven in places so sensible shoes will be needed.

### **Middle Street Synagogue**

Synagogue, Middle Street, BN1 1AL

In 1874, a project for a new synagogue in Brighton was put out to tender. It was won by Thomas Lainson, a well-known local architect and the new synagogue opened in 1875. The exterior has been described as both Byzantine and Romanesque and looks slightly out of place in its side street home. The building has recently been nominated for the European Routes of Jewish Heritage as one of Britain's Top Ten Synagogues.

Times: · Sunday, 1400-1600

### **St Andrew's Old Church**

Church Road, Hove, BN3 2AD

St Andrew's Old Church in Church Road, Hove, served as Hove's parish church for many centuries. However by the early 19th century the structure was in a state of near ruin. It was rebuilt in 1836 as nearly as possible to its original design and the interior of the church between the pillars is contemporary with the original foundations.

Times: · Thursday, 0900-1200

· Friday, 0900-1200

· Saturday, 1000-1200

Access Information: Toilets & refreshments are available from Gail's Artisan Bakery on the corner of Church Road and George Street.

### **St Bartholomew's Church**

Ann Street, Brighton, 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. 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

Times: · Thursday, 1000-1630

· Friday, 1000-1630

· Saturday, 1000-1630

· Sunday, 0900-1300 (Services at 9.30 and 11.00 )

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 be considerate of.

### **St George's Church, Kemp Town**

St George's Road, Kemp Town, BN2 1ED

St George's Church was designed in 1824-5 by the architect C. A. Busby for Thomas Read Kemp M.P. The church was intended to serve the new estate at Kemp Town, and was consecrated on 30 December 1825. Displaying Busby's considerable competence in Neo-Classical design, the church is rectangular, without transepts, and has a particularly lovely west front displaying a Grecian bell-tower and a pair of Doric pilasters either side of the main entrance. The church is Grade II listed and can seat 1,300 people, a capacity which is still fully used for concerts and other events. St George's remains a vibrant part of the local community today, with a busy Community Centre in the crypt and, upstairs, a popular café.

Times: · Thursday, 0900-1430

· Friday, 0900-1430

### **St Helen's Church Open Days**

St Helen's Church, Hangleton Way/Downsview, 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. 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.

Times: · Friday, 1000-1700

· Saturday, 1000-1700

Sunday, 1000-1700

Access Information: There will be a church service Sunday morning at 10:45 to 12:00 for those who would like to attend.

### **St Leonard's Church, Aldrington**

St Leonard's Church, 211 New Church Road, BN3 4DB

St Leonard's Church is the original parish church of Aldrington, Hove. 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. We will have an exhibition telling 'Our Stories' – the story of St Leonard's Church and many of the people who have had some connection with it. There will be an opportunity to learn how the church bells work and to try out handbell ringing. Children will be able to draw their own design for a stained glass window. We will also be providing simple refreshments, with proceeds going to charity.

Times: Saturday, 1000-1600

### **St Mary's Kemp Town - Visit the Church and Explore our Stories in Stone and Glass (plus Free Recital)**

Upper Rock Gardens, Brighton, BN2 1PR

St Mary's Church was built in 1876–8 to designs by Sir William Emerson, PRIBA, and is his only surviving church in Britain. The modest brick exterior conceals an interior of surprising volume and warmth, which reflects Emerson's training under William Burges, the great Gothic Revivalist, but also the Indo-Islamic influences of a career spent largely in India, where he most famously built the Victoria Memorial in Calcutta (Kolkata). There will be binoculars and big photos on hand to reveal the details you don't normally see from the ground as well as special worksheets for children. There is also a free recital at 6 pm when the Herschel Quartet will be playing Maurice Ravel's String Quartet in F, which will be followed by complimentary refreshments.

Times: ·Saturday, 1000-1900

Access Information: Visit the church's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/BrightonStMary](https://www.facebook.com/BrightonStMary) Directions: St Mary's is the big red brick Victorian church on the corner of St James's Street and Upper Rock Gardens. Buses 1, 2 and 7 from the centre of Brighton run right past the church; hop off at 'Rock Gardens' stop. On the 1A, get off at 'Park Street' and walk down towards the sea past the church.

### **St Nicholas' Church, Brighton**

Dyke Road, Brighton, 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.

Times: · Friday, 1300-1500

·Saturday, 1000-1700

·Sunday, 1300-1500

Access Information: Access for Wheelchairs through North-East and South doors by arrangement.

### **St Nicholas' Church, Portslade**

South Street, Portslade, BN41 2LE

St Nicolas Portslade was built around 1170 - but since then almost every generation have done things to the building to better suit the needs of the worshipping community - including adding a "weeping" chancel and bell tower around 1250; a north aisle and pews in the 1850s; a choir gallery in 1932. The Brackenbury Chapel is a fine example of a Victorian Mortuary Chapel. Possibly the most famous parishioner was Harry Blaker (whose memorial tablet is in the south aisle). As Surgeon to the Royal Family when they were at the Royal Pavilion he vaccinated Queen Victoria's eldest children the Princess Royal (later Empress of Germany) and the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII).

Times: ·Thursday, 0830-1700

Friday, 0830-1700

·Saturday, 0830-1700

·Sunday, 0930-1700

### **St Paul's Church - Open Door**

West Street, Brighton , 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. St Paul's is also home to Safe Space, a rescue point operated on Friday and Saturday by the YMCA and Red Cross, to help those in need on those evenings. Street Pastors are also based at St Paul's.

Times: · Thursday, 1030-1500

·Friday, 1200-1500

·Saturday, 1000-1700

Access Information: On-site disabled parking available in Russell Place with Blue Badge. Disabled toilet facilities limited to grab rails and turning space.

### **St Peter's, Preston Park Open Door**

Preston Drove , Brighton, BN1 6SD

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. Open door. Please come and look around

Times: · Thursday, 1030-1530

·Friday, 1030-1530

· Saturday, 1030-1530

· Sunday, 1030-1530

## St Andrew's Chapel, Hove

Waterloo Street, Hove, BN3 1AQ

Set back from the seafront, this Regency church was built to serve the expanding resorts of Hove and Brighton. Designed in 1827 by the famous architect Sir Charles Barry, its Italian Renaissance style perfectly matches the symmetry and grandeur of the neighbouring squares and terraces. Cared for by The Churches Conservation Trust and no longer used for worship, it is now sometimes used as a community venue.

Times: ·Thursday, 1715-1800

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tour-of-st-andrews-church-waterloo-street-tickets-35650157581>

## The Chattri Memorial

Meet at Braypool Lane at the brow of the hill, Patcham, BN1 8ZH

Discover one of Brighton's links with India. During the First World War (1914-18) over one and a half million Indian army soldiers saw active service alongside British troops. After the end of the war, the contribution made by the Indian Army was seen as crucial in defeating the enemy, and two monuments were erected in recognition and appreciation. The first of these, the Chattri Memorial, was built on the Downs near Patcham to honour the Indian soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice.

This is a guided tour/talk at The Chattri which you will have to walk to from Braypool Lane, Patcham. Meet at Braypool Lane by 11:15. The talk starts at 12:00

Times: ·Saturday, 1115-1315

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-chattri-memorial-tickets-35169258198>

Access Information: Wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the top of the South Downs countryside where it is often very windy. Please note to reach the Chattri involves walking some distance over farmland and you should allow 45 minutes from Braypool Lane. When reserving tickets please ensure you leave contact details (email address and mobile phone) as this event will not run if there is insufficient interest. The organiser will confirm a few days beforehand.

Directions: Park on the brow of the hill. At the brow of the hill there is a farm track on your left and should be a signpost to The Chattri. You will be met by someone to point you in the right direction. Look for someone in a white baseball cap with the pink 'H' for Heritage Open Days!

## FASHIONABLE HOUSES

### 33 Palmeira Mansions (The English Language Centre)

33 Palmeira Mansions, Corner of Salisbury Road and Church Road, Hove, BN3 2GB

Listed in 1978 as Grade II\*. The building 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'. During this year's Heritage Open Days you are invited to look around the ground floor and to find out about planned restoration works. Those attending will have the opportunity to book for a more extensive tour of the premises to be staged later in the year.

Times: ·Saturday, 1100-1600

### 37 Kensington Place Tour

37 Kensington Place, Brighton & Hove, BN1 4EJ

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. Admirers of the Sir John Soane Museum will enjoy this property.. The garden is also open.

Times: · Thursday, Tours 1100-1200 & 1400-1500

· Friday, Tours 1100-1200 & 1400-1500

· Saturday, Tours 1100-1200 & 1400-1500

· Sunday, Tour 1100-1200

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/37-kensington-place-tour-tickets-35035658598>

Access Information: There are two flights of stairs in the property so unfortunately wheelchairs cannot be accommodated.

### Embassy Court, Icon of 20th Century Modernism

King's Road, Corner of Western Street, 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', arguing that the UK was at the forefront of Modernism and Embassy Court the epitome of everything desirable in modern architecture. Extensive renovations in 2005 saw a re-emergence of this glorious landmark.

Times: · Thursday, Tour 1100-1230

· Friday, Tour 1100-1230

· Saturday, Tour 1100-1230

· Sunday, Tour 1100-1230

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/embassy-court-tickets-35172894073>

Access Information: There are 2 flights of stairs up to the sun terrace.

### The Regency Town House Tour

13 Brunswick Square, Hove, 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.

Time: · Thursday: Tour 0930

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-regency-town-house-tour-tickets-35169081670>

## SILHOUETTE HISTORY

### Discovering the Silhouette Machine: Workshop

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

200 years ago a series of intriguing 'machines' were invented to make portrait silhouettes. Come along and learn about the history and use of these devices, make a portrait and take the image home with you.

Times: · Friday, 1030 - 1130

Booking

Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/discovering-the-silhouette-machine-workshop-tickets-35168796818>

### Profiles of the Past - 250 Years of British Portrait Silhouette History

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

Come along and spend 45 minutes discovering the 'Profiles of the Past' initiative, developing a website about British portrait silhouette history. The site offers a definitive virtual silhouette collection, biographical material about artists and explanations of production techniques.

Times: · Friday, 0930-1030

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/250-years-of-british-portrait-silhouette-history-tickets-35169022493>

## INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL

### Bardsley's of Baker Street, Max Miller Room

22-23A Baker Street, Brighton, 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. And why not stay and sample Brighton's finest fish and chips!

Times: · Thursday, 1230-1500 & 1700-2030

· Friday, 1230-1500 & 1700-2030

· Saturday, 1230-1500 & 1700-2030

### Foredown Tower Camera Obscura Demonstration

Foredown Tower, Foredown Road, Portslade, BN41 2EW

A hidden gem nestled on the edge of the South Downs, Foredown Tower fascinates adults and children alike. This iconic Edwardian water tower stands solid and proud in the skyline of Portslade Old Village. Foredown Tower now features a "camera obscura" since 1991 – the largest in the South-East. A lens at the summit of the converted Tower projects views of the surroundings onto a convex dish. Our knowledgeable expert demonstrators will tell you about the history of points of interest while sweeping 360° around the local area. Stay for a chat and a cup of tea or coffee with cakes and snacks in our very reasonably-priced cafe. Free parking. Cafe open 10.30am – 3pm

Times: · Thursday, Demonstration 1100-1130, 1200-1230, 1300-1330, 1400-1430

· Saturday, 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, BN1 2FN

East of BAi360 is a new promenade space which celebrates the West Pier and its history. Opening this summer, the site features a 'Golden Spiral' made up of salvaged West Pier columns. Once restored, an original 1866 octagonal West Pier kiosk will also become a key feature of the scheme. Visit us in our new home and learn about our projects and plans.

Times: · Friday, 1100-1500

· Saturday, 1100-1500

· Sunday, 1100-1500

### West Blatchington Windmill

97 Holmes Avenue, BN3 7LE

Unusual six sided smock mill c.1820, built on a square flint and brick tower. It was sketched by John Constable in 1825. Restored as a fascinating museum of milling and agricultural history with five floors to explore and many unique features to be seen.

Times: · Sunday, 1400-1700

Additional information: Refreshments will be available at very reasonable prices in the north barn.

Directions: From jct of A27/A2038 take A2038 for 3/4 m, L at lights. Road side parking adjacent to the mill.

### Shoreham Port Tour

Nautilus House, 90-100 Albion Street, BN42 4ED

Join Shoreham Port for a 'behind-the-scenes' tour visiting areas of the Port that are normally off-limits to the public. The coach tour will begin at the main Nautilus House office before proceeding to various locations around the Port where the group will be able to get off the coach and explore areas of interest in more detail. The tour will conclude over at the Pump House compound where guests will be able to see the giant impounding pumps inside

Times: · Thursday, Tour 1430-1600

Booking

Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/shoreham-port-tour-tickets-35036988576>

Directions: Meet at main Nautilus House office.

## EDUCATION

### Open Day at The Keep

The Keep, Woollards Way, 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. We'll be offering behind-the-scenes tours, talks and practical advice for local and family historians, as well as displays of rarely seen original archive material celebrating architecture and science. There'll also be tea and cakes, and lots of hands-on activities for families and children.

Times: · Saturday, 1030-1530

Additional information: For more information, please see our website, <http://www.thekeep.info/events/>

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.

### Brighton College Tour

Brighton College, Eastern Road, BN2 0AL

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

Times: · Friday, Tour 1115-1230

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brighton-college-tour-tickets-35035939438>

Directions: Visitors should report to the Security Lodge at the main entrance on Eastern Road.

### Roedean: Then and Now - Roedean School Tour

Roedean School, Roedean Way, 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. 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. (Wear comfortable shoes and bring a torch if going down the tunnel)

Times: · Thursday, Tour 1030-1200

· Friday, Tour 1030-1200

· Saturday, Tour 1030-1200

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/roedean-school-tour-tickets-35173530978>

Access Information: Please advise of any mobility or other special needs ahead of visiting via an email to [nick@rth.org.uk](mailto:nick@rth.org.uk)

## GARDENS, NATURE AND PARKS

### Saddlescombe Farm Tour

Saddlescombe Road, BN45 7DE

Discover this ancient downland farm that was once owned by the Knights Templar. Enjoy tours of the 17th century Threshing Barn, Tudor Scullery and Donkey Wheel. Visit the Saddlescombe Learning Space which houses the Saddlescombe archaeological collection donated by the Brighton Museum. Refreshments at the wonderful Hiker's Rest cafe.

Times: · Sunday, 1030-1530

Access Information: Limited wheelchair access in buildings. Some tracks around the farm are challenging but should be manageable with the warden's assistance. Disabled toilet available at the Farm.

Directions: By road: Follow signs on the day: Signposted on A281 near the Rushfield Plant Centre. From A27, head north towards Devil's Dyke but stay to the right as the road forks, the farm is then approximately 1 mile. Parking £2. Please follow signs near Devil's Dyke. Limited free car parks at Summerdown Road

### The Preston Manor Dog Cemetery and Edwardian Walled Garden

Preston Manor, Preston Park, BN1 4AT

Fido's Necropolis: Brighton's only pet cemetery. At least 16 dogs and 3 cats are laid to rest in the Edwardian walled flower garden at Preston Manor. Hear secrets and stories behind the inscriptions on the tombstones and see associated documents and photographs from the house archive.

Times: · Thursday, Tour 1130-1230

### The Secret Garden in Kemp Town

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

Gavin Henderson, Chair, and the Trustees of the Secret Garden announce special openings as part of Heritage Open Door. They do hope that you will join them on one of these days.



The Trustees will be on hand to talk to visitors about future plans and exhibitions. The garden has been planned to look at its very best and there will be explanatory handouts on the plants and plantings. Siobhan from TABLE will be selling luxury teas, with handcrafted cakes and other refreshments, as well as autumnal produce including speciality organic jams and preserves.

Times: Friday, 1200-1700

- Saturday, 1000-1700
- Sunday, 1000-1700

### **The Secret Garden, Hove**

Behind St Leonard's Church, New Church Road, Hove, BN3 4PF

Come and discover the Secret Garden which lies in the area of ground behind St Leonard's Church in Hove. It was formally a garden and allotment area at least 10 years ago, which had been neglected and grown wild. The garden is now abundant with raised beds growing a variety of vegetables, herbs and plants, a scented area, a wild area with a pond, shed, greenhouse and 4 bee hives.

Times: Saturday, 1100-1400

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.

### **Whitehawk Hill Nature Reserve**

Meet at Wyevale Garden Centre, situated on Warren Road (top of Elm Grove), BN2 9XX

Join BHCC park ranger Paul for an exciting wander around the hidden gem that is Whitehawk Hill Nature Reserve. Discover the ancient Stone Age camp on top of the hill, which is much older than Stonehenge. Enjoy one of the city's richest wildlife sites, wading through wildflowers and butterflies. Walk around the newly established and hugely successful Race Hill Community Orchard. See our conservation grazing flock in action on the main hill or the Tenantry Down triangle.

Times: Saturday, 1400-1600

### **Railway and Greenway – A Guided Walk from Brighton to London Road Station**

Meet Cycle Hub, Brighton Station (North entrance)

Discover the industrial history behind the Brighton Greenway, find out more about the architectural diversity of Preston Circus, influenced by its role as a transport hub, and visit the back rooms and tiny gardens of one of Brighton's Victorian suburban stations: a celebration of railways and urban green space! Times: • Sunday, Walk 1100-1300

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/railway-and-greenway-a-guided-walk-from-brighton-to-london-road-station-tickets-35136199318>

### **The Grand Cemetery Tour**

Meet in the Woodvale Crematorium car park on Bear Road, Woodvale Crematorium, Lewes Road, BN2 3QB

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! 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.

Times: • Sunday, 1100-1300

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-grand-cemetery-tour-tickets-35174544008>

Directions: 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.

### **The Level - The People's Park?**

MaClaren Pavilion, The Level, Ditchling Road, BN1 4ZN

Join Elspeth Broady and friends from The Level Communities Forum for this guided walk around The Level and some of the surrounding area. We'll look at how The Level has always been a focus for popular celebration and recreation. Our walk will start and finish at the elegant MaClaren Pavillion, where extracts from a recent oral history project on The Level are displayed, and photograph collections showing historical developments can be viewed.

Times: • Sunday, Tour 1500-1600

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-level-the-peoples-park-tickets-35726594205>

Directions: The MaClaren Pavillion is the crescent-shaped building just south of the cafe on the west (London Rd side) of the park

## **THEATRE, CINEMA AND ENTERTAINMENT**

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

STARTS - Duke of York's Cinema, Preston Circus, 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.

Times: • Friday, Walk 1800-1930

Access Information: This tour is mostly on flat pavements, just one gentle hill being negotiated.

### **Brighton Dome**

29 New Road, BN1 1UG

We'll be celebrating the rich heritage of our Grade I and II listed buildings as we fling open our doors for our fourth annual Heritage Open Day of free family entertainment. Take a behind the scenes tour of Brighton Dome (and get a glimpse of the famed underground tunnel running beneath the Royal Pavilion Estate); hear fascinating lectures from Dr Sue Berry and Dr Alexandra Loske about the history of the estate and the development of the town; and enjoy a charming magic lantern show with Jeremy Brooker who revives an attraction that would have been a common feature of Victorian Brighton.

Times: Sunday, 1000-17.15

Main site is free to explore but tours must be pre booked. Full schedule details are listed on the Brighton Dome website.

Booking details: <http://www.brightondome.org>.

### **Brighton Hippodrome: Heritage and prospects**

The Friends Meeting House, Ship Street, BN1 1AF

A lavishly illustrated talk by David Fisher with exhibition of Hippodrome memorabilia between 13:45 and 17:00 while talk not in progress. Many people have asked if they can look inside the Hippodrome. Unfortunately that is not possible but this is the next best thing. The talk will show, in over 200 images, the history of this endangered Grade II\* listed gem—the finest unused theatre in the country. Its days as a skating rink, circus, variety theatre and bingo hall will be lavishly illustrated. The potential and plans for its future will also be explained by David Fisher, who has been involved throughout the campaign to save and restore the theatre and has done extensive research into its history.

Times: · Saturday: Talks at 1400 and 1515

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brighton-hippodrome-a-history-talk-tickets-35137779043>

### **Brighton Hippodrome: The street view**

Meet at corner of Boyce's Street and Middle Street, opposite The Hippodrome, BN1 1AL

David Fisher will lead a 30 minute 'tour' of the outside of the Hippodrome with images of the interior. The interior by Frank Matcham is the real reason for the Hippodrome's unique importance as the finest unused theatre in the country. However, with the aid of photographs and plans, this 'tour' from the outside will explain why it is so important that such a derelict building should be brought back to life and how this could be done.

Times: · Sunday: Tours at 1100, 1200, 1400, 1500 and 1600

Booking

Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brighton-hippodrome-external-walk-tickets-35139412930>

### **Brighton Palace Pier History tour**

Brighton Pier, Madeira Drive, BN2 1TW

The tour will consist of an engaging walk along the boardwalk and will cover the history of the pier including how parts of the previous Chain Pier were reused in the Palace Pier's construction. There will be a chance to see behind the scenes at parts of the pier not usually open to the public. Obscure facts will be revealed and there'll be a fun quiz with prizes. There will be an opportunity to see some rare photographs and you'll have the chance to take home a stick of rock!

Times: · Thursday, Tours 1300-1400 & 1600-1700

· Saturday, Tours 1300-1400 & 1600-1700

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brighton-palace-pier-history-tour-tickets-35136121084>

Directions: Meet at the entrance to the pier

### **Duke of York's Cinema**

Preston Circus, 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. It is now a Grade II listed building - Brighton's favourite cinema and the country's most enduring picture house.

Times: · Friday, Tours 1000 & 1045

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/duke-of-yorks-cinema-tickets-35036861195>

### **Post-war Brighton & Hove in Film**

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

Join us for the screening of a mid-20th century short film about the city (then two separate towns) by Brightonian John King. This event is provided courtesy of Screen Archive South East and will last approximately half an hour with Q&A session after the film.

Times: · Friday, 1500 - 1530

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/post-war-brighton-hove-in-film-tickets-35173297279>

### **Theatre Royal Brighton Tour**

New Road, BN1 1SD

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. Meet in the Box Office entrance on New Road.

Times: · Friday, Tour 1030

· Saturday, Tour 1030

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/theatre-royal-brighton-tour-tickets-35172516945>

## New Venture Theatre

Bedford Place, Brighton, BN1 2PT

The New Venture Theatre ( affectionately known as the 'NVT') is an amateur theatre which specializes in presenting high quality theatre productions with a particular focus on new dramatic writing. The NVT was founded in 1947 as the Brighton and Hove Repertory Company and, for many years, led a nomadic existence until it took a lease on the first floor of Christchurch Schoolrooms in Bedford Place in 1956. Over the weekend, NVT will be offering tours of the building, fun activities exploring all aspects of life at NVT, and the chance to delve into 70 years of our theatrical history.

Times: Saturday, 10.30am – 3.30pm

- Sunday, 10.30am – 3.30pm
- Tours at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2.30pm on both days

Booking Details: Pre-booking: Required for tours only Go to: <http://www.newventure.org.uk/>

## ARCHAEOLOGY

### Whitehawk Camp - Neolithic Causewayed Enclosure or Stone Age Circle?

Meet: Corner of Manor Hill and Queensway, **(the roundabout at this point also connecting with Firle Road and Freshfield Road), Brighton at 17:55**

Fed up with Regency architecture? Come along and explore the first visible enclosing of a large communal space in our region. Situated in a commanding position above East Brighton, close to the Race Course, lays one of Britain's earliest Stone Age monuments. A c. 60 minute guided tour of this unique part of Brighton & Hove's heritage will be given by Jon Sygrave from UCL's Institute of Archaeology. The tour will provide an introduction to the early British Neolithic in Sussex and the layout and significance of the Whitehawk enclosure.

Times: Thursday, Tour 1800

### Ovingdean Excavation Site

Meet at entrance to Ovingdean Church (St Wulfran's), Greenways, BN2 7BA

Join site director John Skelton for a tour of the church and site of the excavation of a medieval enclosure associated with the late Saxon and early Norman church. The field immediately north of St Wulfran's Church, Ovingdean is full of earthworks forming an enclosure. Geophysical studies and excavations from 2003 have revealed a large flint constructed medieval house, and numerous walls indicating the presence of other buildings possibly workshops, storerooms and smaller dwellings. The field is accessed by a stile near the church gate.

Times: · Saturday, Tours 1200-1245 & 1400-1445

Booking

Details : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ovingdean-excavation-site-tickets-35429577821>

## ARCHITECTURE

### Building the Denman Legacy

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

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.

Times: · Thursday: 1430-1600

· Friday, 1430-1600

· Saturday, 1430-1600

### Pubs, banks and pylons - the architectural legacy of John Leopold Denman

Meet at entrance to Brighton Museum, BN1 1EE

The Pylons on the A23 are familiar to anyone who has ever driven on the London -Brighton road, but who was the architect? Well, he was John Leopold Denman (1882-1975). If you would like to find out more about this extraordinarily prolific man and the contribution he made to the appearance of our city come and join us and discover more about a great Brightonian.

Times: · Friday, 1815-1915

### A Walk on the Wilds' Side

Meet at the Dolphin Fountain in the Old Steine (opposite Marlborough House), BN1 1NX.

Amon Henry Wilds was an architect/developer who was active in Brighton during the Regency and early Victorian periods. Largely because of incomplete historiography, he is less highly regarded than his contemporary Charles Busby, though he was, without a doubt, the most prolific Brighton architect of his day and left a huge legacy in terms of large scale urban developments, townscapes, public buildings and small groups of houses.

Times: · Saturday, Walk 1500-1700

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-walk-on-the-wilds-side-the-architecture-of-amon-henry-wilds-tickets-35173257159>

### Brighton & Hove Progressive Synagogue

6 Lansdowne Road, BN3 1FF

Shalom and welcome to Brighton & Hove Progressive Synagogue. ZSTa worked with the Synagogue to complete this imaginative, inspirational and contemporary refurbishment. Within a designated Conservation Area but not historically listed, the proposal for rebuilding the

synagogue consists of a timber frame construction for the external west and south walls with new roofs following the existing pitches and repair works to the existing trusses.

Times: · Thursday, 1100-1145, 1300-1345, 1500-1545

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brighton-hove-progressive-synagogue-tickets-35175036481>

### **George Jackson and Sons - Architectural Ornamentalists**

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

Learn about architectural ornament firm, George Jackson & Sons Ltd. Once the UK's leading producer of such work

Times: · Thursday, 1500-1600

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/george-jackson-and-sons-architectural-ornamentalists-tickets-35168899124>

### **Maintaining Your Historic Brighton & Hove Home**

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

Do you live in a local historic house? If you are confused about historic property maintenance, come along to our event focusing on the basics of good practice.

Times: · Thursday, 1600-1700

Booking

Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/maintaining-your-historic-brighton-and-hove-home-tickets-35168915172>

### **Plaster Ornament in Period Houses**

The Regency Town House, 13 Brunswick Square, 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. Duration approximately 45 minutes.

Times: · Thursday, 1400-1500

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/plaster-ornament-in-period-houses-tickets-35168946265>

### **Tour of RIBA Regional Award Winning Cairns Tower and Music School, Brighton College**

Brighton College, Eastern Road, BN2 0AL

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. This tour will focus on the new additions to the site, most of which have been added over the last decade. This will include the RIBA Regional Award winning Cairns Tower and Music School.

Times: · Thursday, 1100-1230

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brighton-college-riba-regional-award-winning-cairns-tower-and-music-school-tickets-35510515909>

Directions: Please use the Eastern Road entrance, and report to the Security Lodge.

### **Saltdean Lido – A Modernist Marvel on the Sussex Coast**

Saltdean Park Road, Saltdean, BN2 8SN

In 2015 Historic England named Saltdean Lido as 'One of the 7 wonders of the English Seaside'. The Lido reopened in June 2017. Come and find out about the next stage of the project. Phase 2 (subject to funding) will see the main building restored back to its former glory with a cafe/restaurant/events space, community spaces and library. Visitors will be granted exclusive access behind the scenes to many parts of the Grade II\* listed site which have been closed to the general public for several years.

Times: · Thursday, Tours 1830-1900, 1930-2000

· Sunday, Tours 1100-1130, 1200-1230, 1300-1330, 1400-1430

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/saltdean-lido-tickets-35173028475>

Access Information: Push Chairs can be left on the ground floor but there is no lift. Please note – The building is not normally open for public use. People with mobility problems are advised not to participate as stairs will have to be negotiated. The issue of access is being addressed in our restoration plans.

Directions: By Bus from Brighton – 27, 14, 12 (stop – Longridge Avenue, Saltdean)

### **Sussex Masonic Centre**

25 Queens Road, BN1 3YH

With Regency origins a part of the story, the current building was completed in 1928 and reflects the architectural and interior design of the period. The magnificent staircase and Masonic meeting rooms retain their original features and are currently home to over 90 separate masonic lodges and orders. Join the Curator for a fascinating tour and question and answer session that will last approximately one hour and twenty minutes.

Times: · Sunday, Tour 0900 & 1100

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sussex-masonic-centre-tour-tickets-35169296312>

### **The Fascinating Mr Ranger and Early British Concrete Heritage**

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

William Ranger was born in Ringmer, at the end of the 18th century. He spent his formative years in Brighton; working with a young Charles Barry, before embarking on his long career. Join us for a 60 minute introduction to the fascinating, but hitherto little known, Mr Ranger and his intriguing Artificial Stone.

Times: · Friday, 1530-1630

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-fascinating-mr-ranger-and-early-british-concrete-heritage-tickets-35169064619>

### **The Level's Velo Cafe - Building in a Landscape**

Meet on south side of former Velo Cafe, The Level (next to the play area looking towards St Peter's Church), Union Road, BN2 9SY

Sasha Bhavan, Senior Architect at Knox BhavanArchitects, discusses the design and construction of the award-winning building The Velo Café. The building sits at the heart of the Heritage Lottery Funded overall landscape restoration of the The Level, Brighton and is the 2015 winner of the prestigious Civic Trust Award and also the 2016 Sussex Heritage Trust Public & Community Award. This light, open building was designed to offer seamless transition between inside and out. It is a Brighton & Hove Council flagship public building and champions sustainable design.

Times: Saturday, Tour 1000-1100

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-levels-velo-cafe-building-in-a-landscape-tickets-35780727118>

### **Tour of One and Three Saltdean Drive**

1 Saltdean Drive, Saltdean, BN2 8SB

How do you design a new, sustainable building that's right next to an iconic building? Should the new building disappear into the background? Should its architecture mimic the icon, or complement it? When the heritage building is Saltdean Lido, how can you avoid pastiche? Come and visit One Saltdean Drive, four residences with spectacular views recently completed by Kim Strasman Associates and find out for yourself.

Times: ·Friday, 1400-1530

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/one-and-three-saltdean-drive-tickets-35168785785>

Directions: Seafront in the centre of Saltdean, immediately west of the Lido On street parking in the area.

## **GOVERNMENT AND CIVIC - Booking required**

### **Brighton Old Police Cells**

Meet: main entrance to Brighton Town Hall, Bartholomew Square, BN1 1JA

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.

Times: · Thursday: Tour 1030

·Friday, Tour 1030 & 1400

· Saturday, Tour 1030

Booking Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brighton-old-police-cells-tickets-35036131011>

### **Shoreham Lifeboat Station Tour**

Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Lifeboat House, Brighton Road, BN43 6RN

Shoreham RNLI Lifeboat Station celebrates over 150 years of saving lives at sea. The present Shoreham Harbour Lifeboat station was completed in 2010. 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). You will get the opportunity to see the crew kit worn by all members of the Crew and maybe even try it on!

Times: Thursday, Tour 1100-1230

- Friday, Tour 1100-1230
- Saturday, Tour 1100-1230
- Sunday, Tour 1400-1530

Booking

Details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/shoreham-lifeboat-station-tour-tickets-35038244332>

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