Brighton & Hove Open Door 2012

6 – 9 September

PROGRAMME

100+ FREE EVENTS to celebrate 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. 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. This year, Open Door offers 100 + venues and activities.

When using this guide, please note that we have set out the listings in 12 thematic categories and that within each category we have provided first the events that require pre-booking and then the venues and activities that do not require booking. Where booking is required, this can be done either via The Regency Town House website (www.rth.org.uk) or our telephone booking line 01273 206306. 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 are again promoting the MyHouseMyStreet initiative; which will introduce you to the history and residents of local thoroughfares over the last 180-years. We hope that this year’s mini exhibitions might encourage you to consider joining the MyHouseMyStreet project. Further details available at: www.MyHouseMyStreet.org.uk

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

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

Thanks
During 2012 we have continued our efforts to transform Open Door into one of Brighton & Hove’s great annual celebrations – a permanent event in our ‘city of festivals' yearly schedule. This year’s programme is testimony to the hard work of the many people involved in organising 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 via: 01273 206306 or online at http://www.rth.org.uk/whats-on/opendoor2012/listings

Brighton & Hove Open Door – great days out for free
General Category - Pre-booking required

Red Tape and the Rise and Fall of the Joke Shop! - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Frighton (or bust), 41a Brighton Square, Meeting House Lane, Brighton And Hove, BN1 1HD

Description
Why not come join Doctor Simpo at Frighton (Brighton's Last Joke Shop) for a visually stimulating and interactive step back in time through your and your parents and your grandparents childhood memories of a national seaside treasure. Learn how cotton wool coating of the present generation of young people has systematically lead to the death of an entire industry, except for 1 or 2 surviving stalwarts! All welcome. Standing room only!

Opening Times
Thursday 6th September: 1930
Friday 7th September: 1930

Sussex Masonic Centre - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
25 Queens Road, Brighton, Brighton & Hove, BN1 3YH

Description
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 one hour and twenty minutes.

Opening Times
Saturday 8th September: 0900 & 1100

The Dome Tour - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Church Street, Brighton, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 1EE

Description
Join a Brighton Dome guide for a tour around the buildings and learn about it’s fascinating history through the ages and how it has been transformed into the cultural hub it is today. Tour duration approx 45 minutes.

Opening Times
Saturday 8th September: Tours at 1130, 1300 & 1430

The Extraordinary 'First Base' - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
First Base Day Centre, St Stephen's Hall, Montpelier Place, Brighton, Brighton & Hove, BN1 3BF

Description
Now operating as First Base Day Centre for homeless people this building has a fascinating and hidden history. Built as the ballroom to the Castle Inn in the Old Steine, it quickly became the place to be seen for Brighton’s fashionable crowd. It later became the Chapel to the Royal Pavilion before being sold to Brighton Corporation in 1850 and moved to its current location on Montpelier Place where it opened as St Stephen’s Church in 1851. Closed as a place of worship in 1939 due to a dwindling congregation, it has been in charitable use ever since. Now a Grade II* listed building, First Base has recently undergone a total renovation to improve the day centre facilities including restoration of many original features. The renovation is an excellent example of how an important, historic building can be sensitively adapted for modern use. This tour is the perfect opportunity to learn about this building’s hidden history and its restoration.

Opening Times
Thursday 6th September: Tour 1830
Saturday 8th September: Tour 1400

The Old Market - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
11a Upper Market Street, Hove, Brighton & Hove, BN3 1AS

Description
A fascinating and rare survivor, this building was originally erected as the main market for the Brunswick Town development, in the 1820s. Today, the building has become a popular arts centre owned by, Yes/No Productions (creators of Brighton's "brightest export", STOMP). The Old Market is pleased to participate in this years HOD's event.

Opening Times
Sunday 9th September: Tour 1600

Theatre Royal Brighton Tour - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Theatre Royal Brighton, New Road, Brighton & Hove, BN1 1SD

Description
This important Grade II* listed building is one of the oldest working theatres in England. The property showcases an exquisite example of a Regency auditorium and a fine collection of historic buildings surrounding the stage house; a two hundred year evolutionary history that places it amongst the most significant Theatres in the land. Theatre in Brighthelmstone (Brighton) started in 1766 at Barn Hall. Theatrregoers were to patronise two other buildings before The Prince of Wales gave Royal Assent to the building of a new Theatre Royal Brighton on its present site in the summer of 1806. We first opened our doors to the public on Saturday 27 June 1807, with a performance of Hamlet and The Weather Cock, starring Charles Kemble of Drury Lane. Don't miss this opportunity to take a rare peak behind the curtain!

Opening Times
Friday 7th September: 1030
Saturday 8th September: 1130

BBC Studio Tours - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Broadcasting House, Queens Road, Brighton & Hove, BN1 3XB

Description
A behind the scenes peek at the BEEB. The Queens Road studios are the home of BBC Sussex. Broadcasting across the County and into Surrey and north-east Hampshire the station is the BBC's largest outside of London. With around a quarter of a million listeners each week in the south of England and thousands more across the world via the web, the Queens Road studios are easily the smallest rooms in Brighton with the biggest audiences!

Opening Times
Thursday 6th September: Tour 1400
Friday 7th September: Tours at 1300 & 1400

Brighton Old Police Cells - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Meet: main entrance to Brighton Town Hall, Bartholomew Square, Brighton & Hove, BN1 1JA

Description
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 6th September: 1200, 1400 & 1600
Friday 7th September: 1200, 1400 & 1600
Saturday 8th September: 1200 & 1400
Brighton Town Hall and Environs - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Meet: Main entrance to brighton Town Hall, Bartholomew Square, Brighton & Hove, BN1 1JA

Description
Join Simone Rawlings, Premises Officer for Brighton Town Hall, on a gentle tour of the Town Hall and its environs - learn about monks and the old priory, see the Town Hall's grand Corinthian and Ionic columns, its fine staircases, the Council Chamber, and the wonderful mosaic floor in the atrium. Tour lasts approx 90 mins.

Opening Times
Saturday 8th September: 1100 & 1300

General Category – No pre-booking needed

Saddlescombe Farm Tour - Open Door
Saddlescombe Road, Brighton & Hove BN45 7DE

Description
A hidden hamlet nestled in the downs, telling the story of downland farming from Domesday to the present day, sold by Brighton & Hove Council to the National Trust in 1995. Saddlescombe Farm has escaped the changes of modern farming, retaining many of its original buildings from the past four centuries. It has an intriguing history: documented in Domesday book, a South Downs Farm in the 1860's, by Maude Robinson. For Brighton & Hove Open Door 2012, Saddlescombe offers tours of the farm throughout the day, guided by the National Trust wardens and volunteers who lovingly care for the estate.

Opening Times
Sunday 9th September: 1030-1530

Bardsleys’s of Baker Street, Max Miller Room - Open Door
22-23A Baker Street, Brighton, Brighton & Hove BN1 4JN

Description
Bardley'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 2012 why not pop along to the shop and see what local icon's Chappie's stage costumes. This exhibition is open to members of the public not holding seating reservations between 12:00-15:00 and 17:00-20:30 during the first three days of BHOD (Sept 6, 7 and 8).

Opening Times
Thursday 6th September: 1230-1500 & 1700-2030
Friday 7th September: 1230-1500 & 1700-2030
Sunday 9th September: 1230-1500 & 1700-2030

The Pepperpot - Open Door
Intersection: Tower Road, Queen's Park Road and Queen's Park Terrace, Queen's Park, Brighton & Hove, BN1 2AG

Description
This year Friends of the Pepperpot will be holding an Open Doors event jointly with St Luke's Church (also grade 2 listed) on Queen's Park Road. As the interior of the Pepperpot is not safe for public access, and full of scaffolding, we will be holding an exhibition about the history of tower and future plans for it in St Luke's Church Hall. Friends of the Pepperpot will be there to talk about the tower and members of the Church will be on hand to give tours of that building.

Opening Times
Saturday 8th September: 1100-1600
Sunday 9th September: 1100-1600

New Historic Views of Brighton - Open Door
The Regency Town House, 13 Brunswick Square. Hove BN3 1EH

Description
Come along to the first public viewing of newly discovered historic images of Brighton & Hove, all courtesy of private collectors and The Brunswick Town Charitable Trust.

Opening Times
Thursday 6th September: 1800-1900

Rituals: Fabrica - Open Door
Fabrica Gallery, 40 Duke Street, Brighton & Hove BN1 1AG

Description
A series of events celebrating the role of ritual in our lives through a contemporary slide reel of memory and family rituals, a dance event, a talk, an Armchair Critics event, and a drop-in workshops with two artists - Jane Fordham, and Clare Nias. All washed down with free tea and biscuits! Now there's a ritual! Historian Sarah Tobias will also be giving an interactive talk about Victorian Death & Mourning. And’ Catherine Tajima Powell will be exhibiting her 'Traces' work.

Opening Times
Thursday 6th September: Event 1300-1600
Thursday 6th September: Film 1800-2000

Blind Veterans UK Artwave - Open Door
St Dunstans, Greenways, Ovingdean, Brighton & Hove BN2 7BS

Description
Blind Veterans UK (formally St Dunstan's) provides blind and vision impaired ex servicemen and women with lifelong support. On the 8th and 9th of September join us for an exhibition of paintings, sculptures and ceramics created by blind former servicemen. The works which also include drawings, mosaics, and photographs taken by ex soldiers supported by Blind Veterans UK.

Opening Times
Saturday 8th September: 1100-1700
Saturday 9th September: 1100-1700

Blind Veterans UK Vintage Carnival - Open Door
St Dunstans, Greenways, Ovingdean, Brighton & Hove BN2 7BS

Description
On the Saturday of Heritage Open Day's, Blind Veterans UK will be staging a Vintage Carnival on the grounds which will be formally opened at 11:30 am by newly appointed Chief Executive of Brighton and Hove Albion FC, Paul Barber, followed by a performance from the football team's cheerleaders, Gully Girls!.

Opening Times
Saturday 8th September: 1100-1730

Ashcombe Toll House - Open Door
Ashcombe, Nr Lewes, East Sussex

Description
This Toll House is the sole survivor of a pair that marked the beginning of the Brighton turnpike. It is on the south side of the A27 and was originally conceived as a store and shelter, the partner-building having accommodation for the turnpike keeper and his family. It was built circa 1820. The road was de-tumpiked in about 1870 and the larger Toll House sited on the north side of the road demolished in about 1868. The history of the toll house is of interest to young and old alike, as it yields an insight to travel in a bygone age. Site opened by Sussex Heritage Trust.

Opening Times
Saturday 8th: 1000-1700 and Sunday 9th September: 1000-1630
Black History Exhibitions - Pre-booking required

Brighton & Hove Black History Walk - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Start: entrance to Brighton Museum, Royal Pavilion Gardens, Brighton & Hove BN1 1EE

Description
Brighton and Hove Black History Group present a small poster exhibition introducing violinist George Polgreen Bridgetower (1788-1860). George played in the Prince Regent's band at the Royal Pavilion for 14 years. He is best remembered today for his association with Ludwig van Beethoven, who met the 23 year old Bridgetower and the two got along famously. The composer praised him as "a very capable virtuoso who has a complete command of his instrument". Beethoven wrote a piece - the Kreutzer Sonata - for the Afro-European violinist. Beethoven's autographed copy of the Sonata for violin and piano bears the inscription 'Sonata mulattica composta per il mulatto'.

Opening Times
Thursday 6th September: 1000-1600

George Polgreen Bridgetower mini-exhibition - Open Door
The Regency Town House, 13 Brunswick Square, Hove BN3 1EH

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Opening Times
Thursday 6th September: 1000-1600

Swimming and Sea Heritage - Pre-booking required

Floating Memories - Aquatic Audio Heritage Experience - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
East Street Groyne, The Donut Groyne near Brighton Pier, Brighton & Hove, BN 1 1NB

Description
This unique aquatic audio experience allows you to listen to the memories of members of the Brighton Swimming Club whilst swimming and bathing in the sea around the beach at the Palace (Brighton) Pier, which is the area where Brighton Swimming Club was formed in 1860. These recordings (duration ten minutes) have been made by the Floating Memories team who have spent the last year recording the memories of members past and present. The earliest memory recorded is from Dick Reeves who recalls time spent working as a teenager on the beach and takes you to present day memories of swimming around the pier on cold winter mornings. Please note: Event takes place on a low (neap) tide. Only competent swimmers allowed.

Opening Times
Sunday 9th September: 1200, 1220, 1240, 1300, 1320 & 1340

Healthy or Hazardous: The scientific method in the madness of sea swimming - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
The Regency Town House, 13 Brunswick Square, Hove BN3 1EH

Description
What happens when you get into cold water, how the body adapts and why a course of sea swimming may help you get through an operation. Dr Mark Harper is a consultant anaesthetist at Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals who, accidentally and via quite unrelated routes, has developed an interest in the negative effects of getting cold during surgical operations and the positive effects of cold water swimming. He spends much of his professional life researching ways to keep patients warm and his personal life enjoying swimming in a cold sea.

Opening Times
Thursday 6th September: 1900
Photographing Brighton Swimming Club 2004 - 2012 - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
The Regency Town House, 13 Brunswick Square, Hove BN3 1EH

Description
Photographer and club member Kevin Meredith (aka Lomokev) has been photographing fellow members of Brighton Swimming Club since he joined in 2004, creating images that capture the eccentricity, endurance and tenacity of Brighton’s sea swimmers. Kevin will talk about his striking photographs over many years.

Opening Times
Thursday 6th September: 1800

Pleasure on the Edge: Brighton’s architecture for seaside bathing and swimming - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
The Regency Town House, 13 Brunswick Square, Hove BN3 1EH

Description
For almost three centuries holidaymakers have been bathing and swimming in the sea that laps Brighton beach. But how and why the sea has been enjoyed - or sometimes endured - has changed over time. This important part of Brighton history is also revealed in the buildings at least in part designed for bathing and swimming. Bathing machines, bathing pavilions, open-air pools and even Brighton’s three piers form part of an absorbing story of society engaging with nature.

Opening Times
Friday 7th September: 1900

Swimming in Top Hats - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
The Regency Town House, 13 Brunswick Square, Hove BN3 1EH

Description
Photographic historian David Simkin will examine a photograph that is believed to have been taken by Benjamin Botham around 1863 of Brighton Swimming Club, as there is question over what year it was taken. Someone thinks they have found a connection with a Club minute book from 1863, and that this might be a photograph taken as early as 1863. Notes in the Committee minutes from 2 June 1863 state that they let a new member be admitted on condition of his taking a photographic sketch of the members of the Club’, whilst another member thinks it was taken much later in parody, around the 1900s due to the style of costume.

Opening Times
Friday 7th September: 1800

Swimming and Sea Heritage - No pre-booking needed

Floating Memories Exhibition - Open Door
Brighton Fishing Museum, 201 King’s Road Arches, Brighton & Hove BN1 1NB

Description
The Floating Memories exhibition at the Brighton Fishing Museum presents some of the highlights from the club’s 150-year-old archive. The summer of 1946 was a landmark for Brighton. After six years, the barbed wire at the entrances to the beaches had gone and people could sunbathe and swim. For many children it was their first access to the sea has been enjoyed - or sometimes endured - has changed over time. This important part of Brighton history is also revealed in the buildings at least in part designed for bathing and swimming. Bathing machines, bathing pavilions, open-air pools and even Brighton’s three piers form part of an absorbing story of society engaging with nature.

Opening Times
Thursday 6th to Saturday 8th September: 1030

Brighton College Tour - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Eastern Road, Brighton, Brighton & Hove BN2 0AL

Description
The College is situated in the Kemp Town district to the east of Brighton. The main buildings, designed by Sir Gilbert Scott, RA, were built between 1848 and 1862. Additions were made by Sir Thomas Jackson, RA, an Old Brightonian in 1885. The Hordern Room, a small performance space, was opened by Sir Michael Hordern in 1995 as part of the College’s 150th Anniversary. The Performing Arts Centre, incorporating the Cafe de Paris, music rooms and the Dance Studio, was opened in the summer of 2000. A new Visual Arts Centre was created in 2008. The Skidelsky building, housing the English Department, Design Technology and the Lower school was completed in 2010. Our tour (approx 60m duration) will focus in particular on the Chapel, Dining Hall, Library and other newer buildings.

Opening Times
Thursday 6th September: Tour 1130-1230

My House My Street - Pre-booking required
MHMS- Charles Street Guided Walk - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Meet at north End of Charles Street, Brighton & Hove BN2 1TG

Description
The MyHouseMyStreet initiative is a collaborative, community-based project that aims to offer detailed information about the past residents...
of a street and the jobs they undertook, together with an in-depth street history. Following the popular response to the MyHouseMyStreet exhibition that previously took place in Charles Street, we invite you to join us for a guided walk led by one of the MyHouseMyStreet research team. Come along and discover Charles Street's fascinating story and gain an insight into Brighton’s unique history.

**Opening Times**
Sunday 9th September: Tour 1100-1130

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MHMS- Sydney Street Guided Walk - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Meet at south end of Sydney Street, Brighton & Hove

**Description**
As Robert Street above but in Sydney Street

**Opening Times**
Sunday 9th September: Tour at 1030-1100

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MHMS- Tidy Street Guided Walk
Meet at south end of Tidy Street, Brighton & Hove

**Description**
As Sydney Street above but in Tidy Street

**Opening Times**
Sunday 9th September: Tour at 1500-1530

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**My House My Street - No pre-booking needed**

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**MHMS- Gardner Street Guided Walk - Event Must Be Pre-Booked**
Meet at south end of Gardner Street, Brighton & Hove, BN1 1UN

**Description**
As Charles Street above but in Gardner Street

**Opening Times**
Sunday 9th September: Tours at 1230-1300 & 1330-1400

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MHMS- North Place Guided Walk - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Meet at north end of North Place, Brighton & Hove, BN1 1YF

**Description**
As Gardner Street above but in North Place

**Opening Times**
Sunday 9th September: Tour at 1400-1430

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MHMS- Over Street Guided Walk - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Meet at south end of Over Street, Brighton & Hove, BN1 4EE

**Description**
As North Place above but in Over Street

**Opening Times**
Sunday 9th September: Tour at 1230-1300

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MHMS- Pelham Square Guided Walk - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Meet: inside the garden of Pelham Square, Brighton & Hove

**Description**
As North Place above but in Pelham Square

**Opening Times**
Sunday 9th September: Tour at 1430-1500

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MHMS- Queen's Gardens Guided Walk - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Meet at north end of Queen’s Gardens, Brighton & Hove

**Description**
As Pelham Square above but in Queen’s Gardens

**Opening Times**
Sunday 9th September: Tour at 1130-1200

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MHMS- Robert Street Guided Walk - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Meet at north end of Robert Street, Brighton & Hove

**Description**
As Queen's Gardens above but in Robert Street

**Opening Times**
Sunday 9th September: Tours at 1100-1130 & 1430-1500

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**Description**

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**Opening Times**

Sunday 9th September: 1000-1600

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**MHMS - U and L Market St Guided Walk - Open Door**

Meet at south end of Lower Market Street, Hove, Brighton & Hove

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Sunday 9th September: 1000-1600
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Industrial & Craft Heritage - No pre-booking needed

West Blatchington Windmill - Open Door
97 Holmes Avenue, Hove, Brighton & Hove, BN3 7LE

Description
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. Many unique features.

Opening Times
Sunday 9th September: 1100-1700

Jill Windmill - Open Door
Near Clayton, Brighton & Hove, BN6 9PG

Description
The Jill Windmill is set in a beautiful location, high on the South Downs, but it is more than just a pretty sight. Jill is a fully restored Post Mill, originally built in Brighton in 1821 and moved to her present location in 1852.

Opening Times
Sunday 9th September: 1100-1700

Rottingdean Windmill Event - Open Door
Beacon Hill, Rottingdean, Brighton & Hove

Description
Visit Rottingdean Windmill, learn about its history and view our contemporary art exhibition.

Opening Times
Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th September: 1200-1630

Fashionable Houses - Pre-booking required

Embassy Court, Icon of 20th Century Modernism - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
King's Road, Brighton & Hove, BN1 2PX

Description
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. However such innovative design in the relatively inhospitable winter presented challenges and the building fell into serious disrepair over an extended period. Extensive renovations in 2005 saw a re-emergence of this glorious landmark and it is now benefiting from regular maintenance a vibrant resident community. Come on a 90 minute fully-guided tour of this magnificent building. Visitors will receive an introduction to the work of Wells Coates, a detailed history of the building and travel from the foyers to the sun terrace via one of the glorious apartments in between!

Opening Times
Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th September: 1100

Marlborough House Tour - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Meet at 54 Old Steine, Brighton & Hove, BN1

Description
Robert Adam on the south coast. Join us for a 60 minute exploration of Marlborough House and its history. The building was originally constructed, c1765, for Samuel Shergold, proprietor of the Castle Hotel in Brighton. It was sold to the fourth Duke of Marlborough shortly after and in 1786 sold again, to William Gerard Hamilton MP, who had the house extensively re-modelled by Robert Adam. It was Adam who designed the facade that can be seen today and much of his characteristic work remains inside. Later, Marlborough House served principally as local authority offices. Today the building is in private ownership. NOTE: this event will not visit the interior of the property.

Opening Times
Friday 7th September: 0900

Montpellier Hall - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Montpelier Terrace, Brighton & Hove, BN1 3DF

Description
Fabulous 19th century villa. Montpellier Hall was built in 1846 from designs by Amon Henry Wilds. It has 4 floors, 22 rooms and a ghost! The house has an interesting history, having been owned by many notable figures from Brighton including its original owner Henry Smithers - the sixth mayor of Brighton, owner of the Brewery and the first chairman of the West Pier Co., and Sir Joseph Ewart, mayor of Brighton three times, between 1891-94. Now run as a guest house, the present owner, Mr Amerena, has done his utmost to keep the original fittings and has carried out restoration work in keeping with the original design. Future work includes the replacement of the veranda canopy, the plans of which will be available to see on the weekend. The garden is quite fantastic and is mostly in its original format. It has many interesting features such as furniture from HMS Ganges by Lutyens and a 100+ year old Mulberry Tree, which is possibly the best example of a Mulberry Tree in the south-east.

Opening Times
Thursday 6th to Sunday 9th September: 1330, 1500 & 1630

The Regency Town House Tour - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
The Regency Town House, 13 Brunswick Square, Hove, BN3 1EH

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

Opening Times
Thursday 6th September: 1000

Warleigh Road and Environs - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Meet at Rail station/Shafesbury Place, Brighton & Hove

Description
Explore past and present in suburban streets built for railway managers. Join local resident Maire McQueeney for an hour stroll in the Preston (south) neighbourhood where she lives with husband, local historian Mike Strong. From paving stone to roof tiles and finials the local houses tell of changing fortunes as villas built for fashionable Victorian family living quickly changed to multiple occupancy. Vere Road, girlhood home of QueenSpark author Daisy Noakes, intrigues with its elegant raised pavement & railings, mysterious relic of St Saviour's Church, and the latest fashion for energy smart living. You are welcome to book for this tour which ends with a peek inside the famous historic garden at 5 Warleigh Road where refreshments will be available. The event is offered free of charge by local residents.

Opening Times
Sunday 9th September: 1000

Clayton Tunnel North Portal - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Clayton Tunnel North Portal, Tunnel Cottage, Clayton Hill, Brighton & Hove, BN6 9PQ

Description
Nestling in the foot of the beautiful South Downs, just to the north of Brighton, Clayton Tunnel North Portal is a truly unique building.
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, featuring bold Victorian engineers, plucky railway families, all manner of flora and fauna, railway disasters, secret passages and a few ghosts. NOTE: DUE TO SPACE LIMITATIONS, NO ONE WILL GRANTED ACCESS UNLESS THEY HOLD A CONFIRMED BOOKING. Children welcome if accompanied and supervised AT ALL TIMES by an adult.

Opening Times
Sunday 9th September: Tours at 1400 & 1600

Fashionable Houses - No pre-booking needed

33 Palmeira Mansions (The English Language Centre) - Open Door
Corner of Salisbury Road and Church Road, Hove, Brighton & Hove, BN3 2GB

Description
33 Palmeira Mansions was 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 ëan 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. Note: The dining room ceiling and cornice are currently being restored and work in progress can be viewed during your visit. The attending will have the opportunity to book for a more extensive tour of the premises later in the year.

Opening Times
Saturday 8th September: 1100-1600

Building the Denman Legacy - Open Door
The Regency Town House, 13 Brunswick Square, Hove,BN3 1EH

Description
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
Thursday 6th September: 1000-1600

Religious Spaces - Pre-booking required

All Saints' Church Guided Tour - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Junction The Drive / Eaton Road, Brighton & Hove, BN1 1UF

Description
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. It 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'.

Opening Times
Saturday 9th September : 1000

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
97 Montpelier Road, Brighton & Hove, BN1 3BE

Description
Join Dennis Saunders, archivist, for a 45 minute journey through a fascinating building that began life as a private residence and then served as an educational establishment before becoming a Church. An exhibition of original Church artefacts is available to HODs visitors.

Opening Times
Friday 7th September: 1245
Saturday 9th September: 1445

St Michael's and All Angels' Church Guided Tour - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Victoria Road, Brighton & Hove, BN1 3FT

Description
St Michael & All Angels are two churches in one. The first was built in 1862 by Bodley and the second by Burgess some time later. The church is Grade I listed and is the most highly ranked Sussex church in Simon Jenkins’s ‘1000 Best Churches’ book. The church has internationally famous stained glass by William Morris, Burne-Jones, C E Kempe and others.

Opening Times
Sunday 9th September: Tour at 1500

The Chattri Memorial - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Meet: India Gate, the south gate to the Royal Pavilion Gardens, Brighton & Hove, BN1 1EE

Description
Discover one of Brighton's links with India. This tour takes you by landrover from the India Gate at the Royal Pavilion to the Chattri Memorial on the downs above Patcham. Discover the connection between these two beautiful memorials and the Indian soldiers who fought in the First World War. Wear appropriate clothing and shoes for the top of the South Downs, where it is often very windy.

Opening Times
Thursday 6th September: 1300 and 1730
Friday 7th September: 1300 and 1730

Bodhisattva Buddhist Centre Guided Tour - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
3 Lansdowne Road, Brighton & Hove, BN3 1DN

Description
This Grade II listed building is the home of a large residential community of people all striving to practice Buddha's teachings in every day life. The Centre was established in 1992 by Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso, the Spiritual director of the New Kadampa Tradition. He has appointed a representative Gen Kelsang Chodor, a Buddhist monk, to give regular teachings and run the activities of the Centre. The Centre houses two beautiful shrine rooms and the largest statue of Buddha in East Sussex. Visitors can use the meditation rooms for contemplation, prayer and meditation, relax in the peace garden, browse through our Buddhist bookshop and visit our World Peace Cafe. Join us for a guided tour - meet outside 3 Lansdowne Road.

Opening Times
Friday 7th September: Tour at 1430 and 1600
Saturday 8th September: Tour at 1430 and 1600
Religious Spaces - No pre-booking needed

All Saints’ Church - Open Door
Junction of The Drive and Eaton Road, Hove  BN1 1UF

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Opening Times
Thursday 6th to Saturday 8th September: 0900-1200
Saturday 9th September: 0900-0945 and 1115-1200

Brighton Quakers - Open Door
Friends Meeting House, Ship Street, Brighton & Hove, BN1 1AF

Description
Come and visit the Quaker Meeting House and 19th century adult education centre where there will be an exhibition about Quakers in Brighton and the history of the Friends Meeting House.

Opening Times
Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th September: 1200-1700

Brighton Unitarian Church - Open Door
New Road, Brighton & Hove, BN1 1UF

Description
The church was built in 1820 on land purchased from the Prince Regent. It was designed by well-known local architect Amon Henry Wilds. The Greek portico is based on the Temple of Theseus in Athens and was refurbished in 1966. Attractive stained glass windows are an interesting feature of the recently renovated and decorated interior.

Opening Times
Saturday 8th September: 1000-1600
Sunday 9th September: 1300-1600

Middle Street Synagogue - Open Door
Middle Street, Brighton & Hove, BN1 1AL

Description
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 interior was described by Anthony Dale as amongst the most splendid synagogue interiors in Europe, it certainly is quite spectacular. It was originally fairly plain, but between 1880-1915, donations gradually furnished the building with wrought iron, brass work and stained glass. The building has recently been nominated for the European Routes of Jewish Heritage as one of Britain's Top Ten Synagogues.

Opening Times
Sunday 9th September: 1400-1630

St Andrew’s Chapel, Hove - Open Door
Waterloo Street, Brighton & Hove, BN3 1AQ

Description
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. No longer used for worship it is now a popular community venue. Guided tours available on demand.

Opening Times
Sunday 9th September: 1400-1600

St Bartholomew’s Church - Open Door
Ann Street, Brighton & Hove, BN1 4GP

Description
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. Minimum age 10 years.

Opening Times
Thursday 6th September: 1000-1300 & 1400-1630
Friday 7th September: 1000-1300 & 1400-1630
Saturday 8th September: 1000-1300 & 1400-1630

St Michael's and All Angels’ Church - Open Door
Victoria Road, Brighton & Hove, BN1 3FT

Description
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Opening Times
Saturday 8th September: 1000-1600
Sunday 9th September: 1400-1600

St Nicholas’ Church, Brighton - Open Door
Dyke Road, Brighton & Hove, BN1 3LJ

Description
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 Domedays 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 Century and may originally have been a chantry chapel. In 2009 the wall paintings adorning the Chancel and West walls and the 14th century screen were restored. For this restoration St Nicholas received the 2009 Sussex Heritage Trust award.

Opening Times
Friday 7th September: 1300-1500
Saturday 8th September: 1400-1600
Sunday 9th September: 1300-1500
St Paul’s Church - Open Door
West Street, Brighton & Hove, BN1 2RE

Description
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. St Paul’s is home to Safe Space, a rescue point operated on Friday and Saturday evening by the YMCA and Red Cross, to help those in need on those evenings. The building has the largest collection of Pugin stained glass in the Church of England. Come along to see this magnificent legacy as well as windows by Kempe.

Opening Times
Thursday 6th September: 1030-1500
Friday 7th September: 1030-1500
Saturday 8th September: 0900-1800

St Paul’s Church Guided Tour - Open Door
Victoria Road, Brighton & Hove, BN1 3FT

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Opening Times
Friday 7th September: 1400
Sunday 9th September: 1000

St Peter, Preston Park - Open Door
Preston Drove, Brighton & Hove, BN1 6SD

Description
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 that survived a disastrous fire in 1906.

Opening Times
Saturday 8th September: Tour at 1400, 1500 & 1600
Sunday 9th September: Tour at 1400, 1500 & 1600

Bodhisattva Buddhist Centre - Open Door
3 Lansdowne Road, Hove, Brighton & Hove, BN3 1DN

Description
This Grade II listed building is the home of a large residential community of people all striving to practice Buddha's teachings in every day life. The Centre is open for general visits at the following times. All welcome.

Opening Times
Thursday 6th September: 1400-1700
Friday 7th September: 1400-1700
Saturday 8th September: 1400-1700

Royal Pavilion, Museums, History Centre & Libraries - No pre-booking needed

Heritage Open Days: Edwardian Gardens from Upstairs to Downstairs - Open Door
Preston Manor, Preston Park, Brighton & Hove, BN1 4AT

Description
An outdoor tour of the walled flower garden and pet cemetery, plus a rare chance to see the site of the kitchen gardens. House entry optional (entry fees apply)

Opening Times
Saturday 8th September: 1100-1300 & 1400-1530
The Whitehawk Enclosure (Archaeology) - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Portslade Old Manor, Portslade Old Village, Adjacent to St Nicolas Church, Brighton & Hove, BN41 2LE

Description
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. The hill top here was chosen some 5,500 years ago as the site for a ceremonial enclosure, an area for undertaking feasting, burials and communing. Dating to c. 3,500 B.C. the monument represents one of the earliest ritual circles in northern Europe and predates later Neolithic enclosures like Stonehenge and Avebury by up to 1,000 years.

A 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. Tour approx. 1 hour.

Opening Times
Thursday 6th September: 1800-1900

Discover Stanmer Village - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Stanmer Park. Meet: front door of Stanmer Church, 38 Lower Lodge, Brighton & Hove, BN1 9PZ

Description
For HODs 2012, the Stanmer Preservation Society is offering a guided tour of this once closed estate and village nestled in the downs behind Brighton. It will be a trip through time when you will discover the history behind the house, estate and village once owned by the Earls of Chichester. Event duration approximately 2 hours to include the church, donkey wheel, tractor workshop, village and the museum. Please wear appropriate clothes for walking in the countryside. There will even be the opportunity to join the Stanmer Preservation Society, a charity, to help keep up the fight to preserve this village. Stanmer has recently been incorporated within the new South Downs National Park and visitors will be fully briefed on the new status of the village.

Opening Times
Sunday 9th September: 1415

On the Borderlands, a walk with Geoff Mead - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Meet: the top of Norfolk Square, Brighton & Hove

Description
Brighton & Hove borderland, once barley and brick fields, now charming squares and tiny backstreets. All a part of the charm which is the City. Enjoy a two-hour walk through this fascinating area with local historian Geoff Mead. Max 30 people

Opening Times
Sunday 9th September: 1100

Undercliff Walk - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Meet: Ovingdean Café, by steps down from the A259 adjacent to Ovingdean Café (535970E 102535N) and conclude at The Undercliff concourse, Brighton & Hove

Description
Join Lyn Neville of ‘Brighton Walks’ for an illuminating and informative tour of the Undercliff. The 40 minute guided walk will convey the spirit of the landscape in addition to touching upon environmental implications of the area. The walk will start at Ovingdean Café (535970E 102535N) and conclude at The Undercliff Exhibition space in Rottingdean (see separate listing). Maximum of 30 persons.

Opening Times
Sunday 9th September: 1900-1945

Paths of Glory Guided Walk - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Meet: Extra-Mural Cemetery Entrance Gate, Lewes Road Vogue Gyroratory System, Brighton & Hove

Description
Join Maire McQueeney for a 2 hour twilight stroll on Tenantry Down 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.

Opening Times
Friday 7th September: 1730
The Development of North Laine as Brighton's Industrial and Commercial Suburb - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Royal Pavilion Gardens, Brighton & Hove, BN1 1EE

Description
Join Peter Crowhurst, chair of the North Laine Community Association, for a 2 hour walk which traces the development of the North Laine into Brighton's industrial and commercial suburb during the 19th century. The walk begins outside the main entrance to Brighton Museum and then proceeds through the North Laine ending in the Gloucester Road area. The North Laine today is a conservation area and still retains many of the features of a Victorian town.

Opening Times
Sunday 9th September: 1100 & 1400

Rocky Clump Excavations (Archaeology) - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Meet at the Upper Lodge car park, Ditchling Road, Stanmer, Brighton & Hove

Description
Over HODs 2012, the Brighton and Hove Archaeological Society are conducting an archaeological excavation in Stanmer, near Brighton. The dig is uncovering the interior of an Iron Age or early Roman enclosure. The enclosure ditches measure 2 metres wide and almost 2 metres in depth. Finds have included numerous sherds of Iron Age and Roman pottery, copious amounts of animal bones, a silver finger ring and La Tene brooch. One of the recent finds was a baby burial. Why not sign up for our special HODs guided tour of the site!

Opening Times
Saturday 8th September: 1400

Trails/Walks – History, Nature and Archaeology - Pre-booking not required

St Ann's Well Gardens Historical Walk by Park Ranger - Open Door
Somerset Road (Note, walk starts in park by the well) Brighton & Hove, BN3 1RP

Description
St Ann's Well Garden Heritage Trail provides a series of photographs illustrating the fascinating history of the park. Each picture is located near the position of the original perspective it depicts. If St Ann's is of interest to you don't miss this walk (approx 45 mins) around the Gardens Trail by Park Ranger Neil Doyle, a real tour back in time providing information about royalty, fortune tellers, mad adventurers, inventors, hermits, mythical heroes, villains, monkeys and much much more. Meet by the well and expect a jolly time.
NOTE: This event is scheduled for Saturday 15 September 2012 and not the main HODs weekend.

Opening Times
Saturday 15th September: 1400

Beacon Hill Heritage Walk - Open Door
Start: Kipling Gardens, Rottingdean Village, Brighton & Hove, BN2 7HA

Description
Once upon a time the area that now makes up Rottingdean and Ovingdean were made up of corn and sheep farmers. Corn farming was generally carried out in the valleys where the soil was rich. Sheep farming would be found in the surrounding hills where the soil was thinner and less fertile. Chalk Downland sheep grazing became synonymous with the rolling down of Sussex, as did the rich and diverse flora and fauna that could be found here. For many years this wonderful bio diversity was seen to be dwindling but thanks to Brighton and Hove City Council the grazing of Beacon Hill Nature Reserve has encouraged much of its native history back. Come and take a walk through the Beacon Hill Nature Reserve with Countryside Ranger David Larkin who will cover the history of the downs and will explore the wildlife that inhabits the area.

Opening Times
Sunday 9th September: 1400

Trails/Walks - Art, Literature and Architecture - Pre-booking required

A Proposed St Bartholomew's Conservation Area Guided Walk - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Starts: St Bartholomew’s Church, Ann Street, Brighton & Hove, BN1 4GP

Description
Join local conservationist Roger Amerena (Ancient Monuments Society) for a fast-paced walk around the London Road area as he sets out the argument for a new conservation zone around St Bartholomew's.

Opening Times
Friday 7th September: 1830

The Aubrey Beardsley Tour - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
The Aubrey Beardsley, Brighton & Hove, BN1 3XP

Description
Join guide Alexia Lazou 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 1930. The Melrose Restaurant was formerly the Pandora Gallery, where the first films to be shown outside London were screened in 1896. Approximately 1.7 miles / 90 mins.

Opening Times
Friday 7th September: 1800

The History of Regency Square and its Environs - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
MEET: Montpelier Hall Montpelier Terrace, Brighton & Hove, BN1 3DF

Description
Join Duncan Cameron from the Regency Square Area Society for an hour-long guided walk covering the history of Regency Square and surrounding area. Please take note of the meeting point for this event.

Opening Times
Saturday 8th September: 1440

The Brunswick Town Walk - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
START: The Regency Town House, 13 Brunswick Square, Brighton & Hove, BN1 4NA

Description
Join Alexia Lazou 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 1930. The Melrose Restaurant was formerly the Pandora Gallery, where the first films to be shown outside London were screened in 1896. Approximately 1.7 miles / 90 mins.

Opening Times
Friday 7th September: 1830

Brighton & Hove Open Door 2012 Programme
Charles Augustin Busby. It is possible that additional tour times to those listed here will be offered.

Opening Times
Thursday 6th September: 1145

Commemorative Plaque Trail 1 - Sealife Centre to the Marina - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Meet: Harry Ramsden's, 1-4 Marine Parade, Brighton, BN2 1TA

Description
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 to complete this event.

Opening Times
Friday 7th September: 1000

Commemorative Plaque Trail 2 - The Floral Clock Circular - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Start: top of Palmeira Square at the Floral Clock, Brighton & Hove

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Opening Times
Friday 7th September: 1245

Commemorative Plaque Trail 3 - The Old Town of Brighton - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Start: Old Steine, northeast corner of St James' Street, Brighton & Hove

Description
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Opening Times
Friday 7th September: 1115

Film, Photographic and Audio Visual - Pre-booking required

Window on History: Brunswick Square and Terrace - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
The Regency Town House, 13 Brunswick Square, Hove, Brighton & Hove, BN3 1EH

Description
For Heritage Open Days 2012 The Regency Society and other holders of historic image archives are collaborating with The Regency Town House to provide a series of small-scale photographic exhibitions about Brighton & Hove streets. This is one of our screen-based presentations. To accompany the exhibition we are providing a brief talk about the pictures on display.

Opening Times
Thursday 6th September: 1445

The Undercliff Exhibition - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Rottingdean Terrace, on the Undercliff Walk, Rottingdean, Brighton & Hove, BN2 7HR

Description
Brighton and Hove Open Door 2012 (BHOD) and Brighton Digital Festival, offer a unique event in the majestic setting of the Undercliff walk. In-keeping with BHODs exploration of the City’s architectural splendour, this exhibition sees the ‘cliff corridor’ as an evocative amphitheatre. The sea wall is envisaged, by many, as a fortress in an unyielding battle against the sea due to its volatile and enduring relationship with coastal erosion. Through portraiture and landscape photography, Jonathan Hyde approaches this mesmerising space and those who frequent it; illuminating the spectacular nature of the environment and identifying the ways in which it unites a community. Sensitive configured in a way that echoes the surrounding space, the photography will be accompanied by a poetic audiovisual film projected onto the cliff face. This focuses on the narratives of those who frequent the space; discussing their memories- and for some- their rituals in relation to the Undercliff walk.

Opening Times
Thursday 6th September: 1900-2100
Saturday 8th September: 1900-2100

Duke of York's Cinema - Event Must Be Pre-Booked
Preston Circus, Brighton & Hove, BN1 4NA

Description
Visit Britain’s longest surviving cinema, the Duke of York’s, for a tour of this iconic landmark. The Duke of York’s opened its doors on 22 September 1910. After welcoming millions of audience members, witnessing many changes of ownership and surviving numerous threats to its existence and even possible demolition, it was re-born in the early 1980s as an arthouse cinema. “The Duke’s is one of Britain’s truly great independent cinemas. The jewel in the crown of Brighton. I love it.” Nick Cave.

Opening Times
Friday 7th September: 1000, 1045 & 1130

Requests

FEEDBACK) If you enjoy yourself at BHOD 12, or you have a complaint, please tell us by completing a feedback form at the venue/s you attend, or by emailing us at: opendoor@rth.org.uk.

APPEAL) We do everything possible to keep the costs of staging Open Door to a minimum yet we still have to meet a considerable outlay each year. Our key overheads are printing media, such as this and the posters we erect, and developing and maintaining the website and e-communication features that are central to the event. A contribution from you would assist greatly. Please consider giving generously – you can make a donation via:
http://www.rth.org.uk/whats-on/opendoor2012
or by posting a cheque, made payable to: The Brunswick Town Charitable Trust (reg. UK charity No. 1012216) to:
The Regency Town House, 13 Brunswick Square, Hove, BN3 1EH