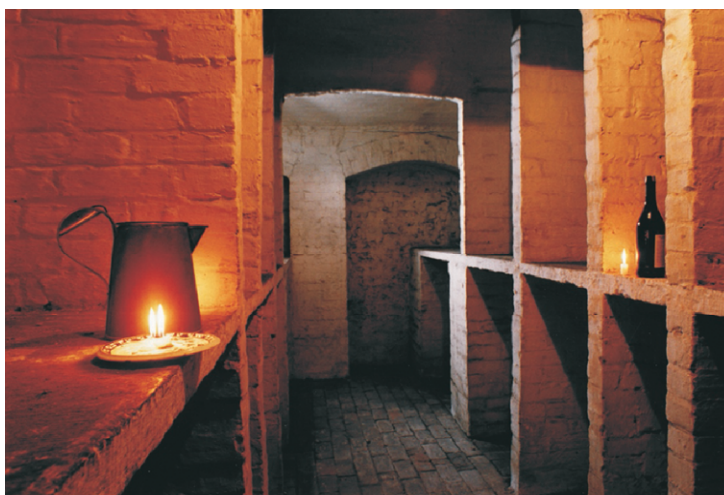


# Brighton & Hove Open Door 2012

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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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 are pleased to participate in this years HOD's event.

#### Opening Times

Sunday 9th September: Tour 1100

### 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. Theatregoers 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; home to the Knights Templar and lovingly portrayed in the book, 'A South Downs Farm in the 1860s', 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

### **Bardsley'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 one local icon's acknowledgment to another by discovering the Max Miller Room. Developed in collaboration with the Max Miller Appreciation Society, the room contains original memorabilia, including one of the Cheeky Chappie's stage costumes. This exhibition is open to members of the public not holding seating reservations between 12:30-15:00 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

Saturday 8th 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, BN 0GF

#### **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 Spetember: 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 Dunstons, 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

Sunday 9th September: 1100-1700

### **Blind Veterans UK Vintage Carnival - Open Door**

St Dunstons, 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-turnpiked 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 Heritaget 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

Extensive and fascinating walk around central Brighton, exploring various aspects of Black History, with Bert Williams MBE of the Brighton & Hove Black History Project. Participants will receive a free Brighton & Hove Black History Project booklet, as a memento of the walk.

This event is scheduled to last approximately 2 hours.

#### Opening Times

Saturday 8th September: Tour at 1100

## Black History Exhibitions - No pre-booking needed

### Sake Dean Mahomed mini-exhibition - Open Door

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

#### Description

Brighton and Hove Black History Group present a poster exhibition telling the story of Sake Dean Mahomed (1759-1851). Mahomed grew up in India and served in the East India Company Bengal Army as a trainee surgeon. At age 25, he immigrated to Ireland in 1786, where he wrote and published his book, entitled 'The Travels of Dean Mahomet' - becoming the first Indian to write a book in English. Sake Dean Mahomed moved to London, where he opened the first Indian take away restaurant in England - the Hindustani Coffee House. Then, in 1814, Dean and Jane, his Irish wife, moved to Brighton and opened the first shampooing vapour masseur bath in England. He described the treatment in a local paper as 'The Indian Medicated Vapour Bath, a cure to many diseases Ó'. Both King George IV and William IV appointed him as their shampooing surgeon in Brighton. Mahomed's Bath stood on the site now occupied by the Queen's Hotel, Brighton.

#### Opening Times

Thursday 6th September: 1000-1600

### Miss Sarah Forbes Bonetta mini-exhibition - Open Door

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

#### Description

Brighton and Hove Black History present a poster exhibition telling the story of the life of Miss Sarah Forbes Bonetta, a West African of royal blood, orphaned in a brutal massacre in her home country when just eight. She was captured and later given by Frederick Forbes to Queen Victoria. She was impressed by the girl's exceptional intelligence and had Sara raised as her goddaughter. The Queen was pleased to give her sanction to be married in St Nicholas Church in Brighton in August 1862. The wedding party, which arrived from West Hill Lodge in ten carriages and pairs of grays, was made up of White ladies with African gentlemen, and African ladies with White gentlemen. Captain Forbes said of Bonetta that "She is a perfect genius; she now speaks English well, and has a great talent for music. She is far in advance of any white child of her age, in aptness of learning, and strength of mind and affection".

#### Opening Time

Thursday 6th September: 1000-1600

### Time and Place mini-exhibition - Open Door

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

#### Description

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Brighton and Hove Black History Group present stories from Black and Minority Ethnic people who, from the 1950s to 1970s, came from former British colonies to train and work for the NHS. Post-war staff shortages led the NHS to launch recruitment campaigns overseas and the resulting immigration changed the demographic of urban centres like Brighton & Hove. Time and Place explores this significant point in history for both the UK and the local area. The poster display, by Brighton and Hove Black History Group, looks at the contribution made by ten women who worked as nurses at Brighton General Hospital.

#### Opening Times

Thursday 6th September: 1000-1600

### George Polgreen Bridgetower mini-exhibition - Open Door

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

#### 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 mullato'.

#### 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 pebbles. Roger Dunford, of Brighton Swimming Club, took his 16MM film camera out to the Palace Pier and recorded unique footage. This forms part of the Floating Memories exhibition chronicling the Club's history. Visitors will hear stories about the intrepid one-legged swimming instructor Ctn Henry Camp who founded the Club in 1860 and discover Club activities 100 years ago - aquatic tea parties, water polo competitions and high diving from the Piers!

#### Opening Times

Thursday 6th September to Sunday 9th September: 1000-1700

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### Learning, Education and Training - Pre-booking required

#### Roedean Then and Now - Roedean School Tour - Event Must Be Pre-Booked

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

#### Description

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 twin towers and discover how his Grade II listed buildings characterise the classic 'Arts and Crafts' international design movement that flourished in the period from 1860 to 1910. Learn about how the school is setting the standard for boarding in the 21st Century through its transformational redesign of its five boarding houses. Not normally accessible to the public, the Saturday tour includes a unique option, a trip down the steps of the 'secret' tunnel to the under cliff walk connecting to Brighton Marina. Approx. 60 mins.

#### 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

### Learning, Education and Training - No pre-booking needed

#### Falmer Village Hall - Open Door

South Street, Falmer, Brighton & Hove, BN1 9PB

#### Description

Falmer Hall was formerly the village school and is still remembered by many. We will be mounting a small exhibition with photographs and recollections to give a flavour of what village life was like from Victorian times until the seventies when the school closed. An exciting art exhibition will also be on show in the Hall during the Open Days.

#### Opening Times

Friday 7th September to Sunday 9th September: 1100-1700

### 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

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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

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

#### MHMS- Gardner Street Exhibition - Open Door

Gardner Street, Brighton & Hove, BN1 1UN

#### Description

One of five MyHouseMyStreet presentations being staged in the North Laine this year, the displays and activities on offer provide general information about the history of this important North Laine thoroughfare, details of who lived in the street from first-build to the 1970s and the jobs they undertook. We will also be distributing leaflets explaining how to undertake similar research for your own home or street (including information about expert-led study sessions in the Brighton History Centre, see separate listing). So, if you'd like to discover more about this intriguing location don't miss MyHouseMyStreet - Gardner Street!

#### Opening Times

Sunday 9th September: 1000-1600

#### MHMS- Gloucester Street Exhibition - Open Door

Gloucester Street, Brighton & Hove, BN1 4 EW

#### Description

One of five MyHouseMyStreet presentations being staged in the North Laine this year, the displays and activities on offer provide general information about the history of this important North Laine thoroughfare and initial details of who lived in the street from first-build to the 1970s and the jobs they undertook. We will also be distributing leaflets explaining how to undertake similar research for your own home or street. So, if you'd like to discover more about this intriguing location don't miss MyHouseMyStreet - Gloucester Street!

#### Opening Times

Sunday 9th September: 1000-1600

#### MHMS- North Place Exhibition - Open Door

North Place, Brighton & Hove, BN1 1YF

#### Description

One of five MyHouseMyStreet presentations being staged in the North Laine this year, the displays and activities on offer provide general information about the history of this important North Laine thoroughfare and initial details of who lived in the street from first-build to the 1970s and the jobs they undertook. We will also be distributing leaflets explaining how to undertake similar research for your own home or street. So, if you'd like to discover more about this intriguing location don't miss MyHouseMyStreet - North Place!

#### Opening Times

Sunday 9th September: 1000-1600

**MHMS - Trafalgar Street Exhibition - Open Door**

Trafalgar Street, Brighton & Hove

**Description**

One of five MyHouseMyStreet presentations being staged in the North Laine this year, the displays and activities on offer provide general information about the history of this important North Laine thoroughfare and initial details of who lived in the street from first-build to the 1970s and the jobs they undertook. We will also be distributing leaflets explaining how to undertake similar research for your own home or street (including information about expert-led study sessions in the Brighton History Centre, see separate listing). So, if you'd like to discover more about this intriguing location don't miss MyHouseMyStreet - Trafalgar Street!

**Opening Times**

Sunday 9th September: 1000-1600

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

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

**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 of the local area. Following the popular response to the exhibition that took place in U and L Market Street as part of BHOD 2011, we invite you to join us for a guided walk led by one of the street research team. Come along to discover the fascinating story of the streets development, the people who have inhabited the street between the mid-19th Century and the 1970's and gain an insight into Brighton's unique history. We will also be distributing leaflets explaining how to undertake similar research for your own home or street (including information about expert-led study sessions in the Brighton History Centre, see separate listing).

**Opening Times**

Sunday 9th September: Tour at 1330-1400

**MHMS- Waterloo Street Guided Walk - Open Door**

Meet at north end of Waterloo Street, Hove, Brighton & Hove

**Description**

As Market Street above but in Waterloo Street

**Opening Times**

Sunday 9th September: Meet at 1300-1330

**MHMS- Kemp Street Exhibition - Open Door**

Kemp Street, Brighton & Hove

**Description**

One of five MyHouseMyStreet presentations being staged in the North Laine this year, the displays and activities on offer provide general information about the history of this important North Laine thoroughfare, details of who lived in the street from first-build to the 1970s and the jobs they undertook. We will also be distributing leaflets explaining how to undertake similar research for your own home or street (including information about expert-led study sessions in the Brighton History Centre, see separate listing). So, if you'd like to discover more about this intriguing location don't miss MyHouseMyStreet - Kemp Street!

**Opening Times**

Sunday 9th September: 1000-1600

**MHMS- George Street - Open Door**

George Street, off St Jame's Street, Brighton & Hove

**Description**

This year's MyHouseMyStreet exhibition in the East Steine area offers information about life in George Street, Little George Street, St James Court, and a few buildings in Edward Street during 1912, 100

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years ago this year. Posters will be on display over the full four days of HODs. Leaflets explaining how to undertake similar research for your own home or street, and experts to talk you through the process, will be available at the MHMS desk in Gloucester Road (intersection with Sydney Street) on Sunday the 9th 1000-1600.

**Opening Times**

Thursday 6th September to Sunday 9th September: 0900-1700

**Industrial & Craft Heritage - Pre-booking required****England's Ornamental Plastering - Event Must Be Pre-Booked**

The Citadel, 79 North Street (at intersection with Church Road), Portslade, Brighton & Hove, BN41 1DG

**Description**

England's Ornamental Plastering Ltd provides high quality conservation and restoration of historic buildings and architectural ornament using traditional methods and materials. Their clients include, The Royal Pavilion, Westdene House, The Regency Town House, The National Trust and Kensington Palace Gardens. For this year's BHOD England's are offering hands-on workshop tours of 90 minutes duration. Attendees are advised to bring/wear work clothes.

**Opening Times**

Saturday 8th September: 1000-1130

**Plaster Ornament in Period Houses - Event Must Be Pre-Booked**

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

**Description**

Join us for a short presentation about how the ornamental plaster decorations in Regency and Victorian houses were made and fitted. We will also cover the challenges of cleaning and restoring such decoration. Duration approximately 1 hour.

**Opening Times**

Thursday 6th September: 1400

**The Fascinating Mr Ranger and Early British Concrete Heritage - Event Must Be Pre-Booked**

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

**Description**

William Ranger was born in Ringmer, Sussex, at the end of the 18th century but spent many of his formative years in Brighton; where he worked with a young Charles Barry, then just embarking on his long architectural career. During this period, Ranger and Barry developed key local sites such as St Peter's Church and the Royal Sussex County Hospital. Working sometimes jointly with Barry and at other times alone, Ranger also undertook many other local projects including repairs to the property of Mrs Dulany, the extension of the Royal Pavilion, the building of Admiral Codrington's home, the creation of sunken gardens for Kempton residents and the formation of the Brighton Sea Walls. In almost all of these sites he deployed 'Ranger's Artificial Stone', a product for which he subsequently acquired patents in 1832 and 1834. Join us for a 60 minute introduction to the fascinating, but hitherto little known, Mr Ranger and his intriguing Artificial Stone.

**Opening Times**

Thursday 6th September: 1500



## 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 foyer 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 1820s 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.

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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 '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. Note: The dining room ceiling and cornice are currently being restored and work in progress can be viewed during your visit. Those 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

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regarded as a building: Nikolaus Pevsner described it as 'superb and cathedral-like'.

#### Opening Times

Saturday 8th 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

Sunday 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 Burges some time later. The church is Grade I listed and is the most highly ranked Sussex church in Simon Jenkins's 'Thousand 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

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#### Opening Times

Thursday 6th to Saturday 8th September: 0900-1200  
Sunday 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

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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 Domesday Book, written about 1085. This states that there was a church, valued at £12, which had been assessed as worth £10 in the reign of the Saxon King Edward. On the wall of the south aisle is a list of vicars, far from complete and not always accurate, but dating back to 1091. The side chapel, now the Lady Chapel, dates from the early years of the 16th 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

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

West Street, Brighton &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 - Pre-booking required****Brighton History Centre Tour - Event Must Be Pre-Booked**

Brighton Museum &amp; Art Gallery 1st Floor, Royal Pavilion Gardens, Brighton &amp; Hove, BN1 1EE

**Description**

Learn about the resources that enabled the MyHouseMyStreet project to be developed and discover how you could stage something similar in your street in 2012. Don't worry if you think that's a little ambitious; you can apply the same skills just to researching the history of your own home. Brighton History Centre holds an extensive range of materials that are perfect for the study of Brighton's history and culture, both past and present. Visit Brighton History Centre, discover the amazing resources and bring your city to life!

**Opening Times**

Wednesday 12th September: 1200-1300

**The Special Collections at the University of Sussex - Event Must Be Pre-Booked**

University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton &amp; Hove, BN1 9QL

**Description**

Join Special Collections staff to look at some of the internationally acclaimed archival, manuscript and rare book collections held in the University of Sussex Library. These include the papers of Rudyard Kipling, the New Statesman Archive, a series of collections relating to the Bloomsbury Group, including the Monks House Papers (Virginia Woolf), and over 60 other manuscript collections. The Library is also home to The Mass-Observation Archive which contains the papers of the social research organisation of the 1930s and 40s and the Mass Observation Project which continues to collect new material.

**Opening Times**

Friday 7th September: 1100

**Rare Books and Special Collections at the Jubilee Library - Event Must Be Pre-Booked**

The Jubilee Library, Jubilee Street, Brighton &amp; Hove, BN1 1GE

**Description**

Discover some of Brighton's Treasures with a tour of the environmentally controlled store housing 45,000 rare and unique works, dating back 800 years. The Collections, have been given to Brighton Library over the last 140 years by local residents and include amazing works of local, historical and general interest. Many of these 'gems' will be on display in the Tony Miller Reading Room.

**Opening Times**

Thursday 6th September: 1730-1830  
 Saturday 8th September: 1130 -1230  
 Sunday 9th September: 1500 -1600

**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 &amp; 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: 1100-1230 &amp; 1400-1530



**Portslade's Norman Manor House - Open Door**

Portslade Old Manor, Portslade Old Village, Adjacent to St Nicolas Church, Brighton & Hove, BN41 2LE

**Description**

Tour the ruins of Brighton & Hove's oldest house with a local historian.

**Opening Times**

Sunday 9th September: 1300-1400, 1415-1515 & 1530- 1630

**The Preston Pump House and other outdoor curiosities - Open Door**

Preston Manor, Preston Park, Brighton & Hove, BN1 4AT

**Description**

An outdoor tour of the curios to be found in the gardens and grounds. Hear the chilling tale of the 1831 Brighton 'Trunk Murder' and visit the grave in St Peter's churchyard. House entry optional (entry fees apply).

**Opening Times**

Friday 7th September: 1100-1230 & 1400-1530

**Royal Palace, Garden and Stables - Open Door**

Meet: entrance to Brighton Museum in the gardens of the Royal Pavilion, Brighton & Hove, BN1 1UG

**Description**

A walking tour of George IV's estate looking at how the architecture and garden design combines to form a visual and historic whole.

**Opening Times**

Saturday 8th September: 1030-1130

**Trails/Walks – History, Nature and Archaeology - Pre-booking required****Beanfields to Bohemia Walk - Event Must Be Pre-Booked**

Start: Brighton Station, Outside the W. H. Smith stand on the concourse, Brighton & Hove, BN1 3XE

**Description**

Join local historian Geoff Mead for a 2-hour stroll through the streets of the North Laine conservation area looking at aspects of historical and contemporary interest. The tours will terminate so as to introduce participants to the My House My Street exhibitions in the North Laine. Starts promptly. Children welcome when accompanied by an adult.

**Opening Times**

Sunday 9th September: 1400

**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 roundabout, Ovingdean, 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 Cafe (535970E 102535N) and conclude at The Undercliff Exhibition space in Rottingdean (see separate listing). Maximum of 30 persons.

**Opening Times**

Thursday 6th September: 1900-1945

**Paths of Glory Guided Walk - Event Must Be Pre-Booked**

Meet: Extra-Mural Cemetery Entrance Gate, Lewes Road Vogue Gyratory System, Brighton & Hove, BN2 3QB

**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**

Somerhill 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 for a gentle 90-120 minute stroll through Brighton, exploring the buildings and places associated with the early life of Aubrey Beardsley.

#### **Opening Times**

Sunday 9th September: 1100

#### **Nice Girls Didn't go to the Academy! Cinema Themed Guided Tour - Event Must Be Pre-Booked**

Duke of York's Cinema, Preston Circus, 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: 1800

#### **The History of Regency Square and its Environs - Event Must Be Pre-Booked**

MEET: Montpellier Hall Montpellier 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, BN3 1EH

#### **Description**

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. 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 Ramdsen'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

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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. Sensitively 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](mailto: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**