

## EXHIBITIONS & DISPLAYS



### PRESTON MANOR NEW SEASON

**PRESTON MANOR & GARDENS**  
Admission payable, members free  
Step into 1912 and experience life upstairs and downstairs as costumed staff bring the manor's stories to life.

For the 2026 season, explore the reopened top floor, revealing fresh secrets of the Stanford family and their servants, and don't miss our new *History of the Manor* exhibition. From the bustling kitchen below stairs to the elegant rooms above, every corner tells a story.

OPEN FROM  
14 MARCH  
2026



### WORKSHOPS



### INSPIRING WOMEN OF BRIGHTON & HOVE: WRITING WORKSHOP WITH FORTHWRITE

Sat 7 Feb  
BRIGHTON MUSEUM  
10am-12.30pm Free but book in advance at [www.forthwrite.uk](http://www.forthwrite.uk). Ages 18+  
A creative writing workshop in collaboration with Forthwrite. Discover inspiring stories of remarkable women from Brighton & Hove's history. Includes a talk and walk of the Royal Pavilion Garden with author Louise Peskett.

### VICTORIAN COOKERY CLUB FOR ADULTS

Sun 12 Apr  
PRESTON MANOR  
2-4pm £20, members discount 15%. Ages 18+

Learn the secrets of a Victorian Kitchen. What did the Victorians like to eat? The session starts with a tour of our beautiful Victorian Dining Room and Kitchen, followed by a hands-on cookery workshop creating genuine Victorian recipes. We welcome people with Alzheimer's.

### STORYTELLING AT HOVE MUSEUM

Mon 16 Feb, 30 Mar & 6 Apr  
HOVE MUSEUM  
10.30am-12.30pm Free but please sign up in advance (maximum 20 spaces)  
An introductory workshop inviting local cis, trans and non-binary lesbian women to explore how lesbian lives are represented in Brighton & Hove Museums' collections. Led by Lisa Hinkins, Collaborative PhD Researcher with Brighton & Hove Museums, email Lisa for information and sign up: [l.hinkins2@uni.brighton.ac.uk](mailto:l.hinkins2@uni.brighton.ac.uk)

### ART CLUB AT BRIGHTON MUSEUM

Wed 18 Feb, 1 & 8 Apr  
BRIGHTON MUSEUM  
10.30-11am & 1-1.30pm Ages 4 and under, 11.30am-12pm & 1.30-2pm Ages 5+. Free with Brighton Museum admission (children must be accompanied by an adult)  
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### ART CLUB AT HOVE MUSEUM

Thu 19 Feb, 2 & 9 Apr  
HOVE MUSEUM  
10-11.30am & 2-3.30pm £7 each or three advance tickets for £15, members discount 15%. Ages 5-13 (children must be accompanied by an adult)  
Take inspiration from the museum collection in our art & craft workshops.

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## EVENTS



### CURATOR AT WORK: SECRETS & STORIES FROM THE COLLECTIONS

31 Jan to 12 Apr 2026  
CENTRAL GALLERY,  
BRIGHTON MUSEUM  
Free with Brighton Museum admission, members free

This exhibition is all about people. Who we love, what we fight for, how we try to change the world. Explore the themes, play and participate in the gallery activities, and tell us what you think.

### DRAGONS AT THE ROYAL PAVILION

28 Mar to 1 Nov 2026  
ROYAL PAVILION  
Free with Royal Pavilion admission, members free

Welcome to the Palace of Dragons and step into a world of flight, fantasy and magic. DRAGONS at the Royal Pavilion explores the power, beauty and mystery of the world's most iconic mythical creatures.

Go on a dragon quest, find dragon eggs and help the baby dragons find their way home. Step into the dragon's mouth, search for dragons in the mirrors, listen to roaring dragons in the palace halls, relax with a story, and be a Royal Pavilion Dragon Detective.

In the Prince Regent Gallery *Fire and Water: Dreaming of Dragons* takes you on a journey around the world, revealing how dragons have captured people's imagination in European and Asian cultures.

For more details of upcoming sessions visit our website.

**BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH**

Sat 24 Jan  
ROYAL PAVILION GARDEN  
11am-1pm Free, drop-in.  
All ages

Support the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch by spending an hour in the Royal Pavilion Garden watching the birds. Collect binoculars, a bird identification and counting sheet, and record the birds you see.

**WHAT'S IN THE BOX?**

Continues to 12 Apr 2026  
HOVE MUSEUM  
Free admission

Journey into a cinematic time machine and celebrate Brighton & Hove's early film pioneers. Inspired by our partnership with Cafe Rust this display *Delicious* features food and drink related objects from our collections.

**PLAY BACK FORWARD**

Continues to 12 Apr 2026  
PRINTS & DRAWINGS GALLERY,  
BRIGHTON MUSEUM  
Free with Brighton Museum admission, members free

Through fashion, fetish, and motorbikes, this display brings together diverse objects and artworks from Brighton & Hove Museums, Bristol Museums, and National Museums Liverpool. By combining

community stories with insights from gender theory, *Gender Stories* highlights both the joys and struggles of gender identity.

A MAGNET partnership exhibition, with Art Fund support and supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England.

Curated by Alf Le Flohic.

**A QUEER NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM**

Fri 6 Feb  
CENTRAL GALLERY,  
BRIGHTON MUSEUM  
7.30-11pm £15, members discount 15%. Ages 18+

An unmissable museum late to celebrate the opening of our exhibition *Gender Stories*. Enjoy show-stopping performances, mind-bending live art, dazzling drag acts, an avant garde fashion show, and a lineup of DJs exploring the glorious facets of gender expression as Queer Heritage South takes over the museum.

**QUEER HERITAGE SOUTH**

11am Free with Brighton Museum admission, members free

Tue 20 Jan

Tue 17 Feb

Tue 10 Mar

Tue 21 Apr

For more details of upcoming sessions visit our website.

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: THE FEARLESS AND FABULOUS WOMEN OF BRIGHTON AND HOVE**

Sat 7 Feb  
THE OLD COURTRoom  
6-7pm £12, members discount 15%

Celebrate International Women's Day 2026 with author Louise Peskett for an inspiring journey through Brighton & Hove's remarkable women, drawing from her book *The Fearless and the Fabulous: A Journey Through Brighton and Hove's Women's History*. Meet outside Brighton Museum.

**GUIDED TOURS**

With several different tours across our sites, there's a treat in store for everyone! For the full list of all our tours visit [brightonmuseums.org.uk/guided-tours/](http://brightonmuseums.org.uk/guided-tours/)

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2pm £25 (includes a day pass to the Royal Pavilion), members and annual pass holders £10

Explore the Chinese-inspired pleasure palace of the extravagant King George IV.

**BEHIND CLOSED DOORS TOUR – GROUND FLOOR**

Wed 14 Jan & 11 Mar

ROYAL PAVILION

5-6pm £20, members discount 15%

Explore and discover servants' corridors, mysterious hidden staircases, kitchens, cupboards, the King's Band-Room and other secret spaces.

**HOW TO BOOK**

Book tickets online at

[brightonmuseums.org.uk](http://brightonmuseums.org.uk) or

contact the Bookings Team

on 03000 290902 or

[info@rpmt.org.uk](mailto:info@rpmt.org.uk) (Mon-Fri)

**ACCESS**

If you have any access requirements please contact the Bookings Team

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**BASEMENT & TUNNEL TOURS**

Tue 13 & 27 Jan, 10 & 24 Feb, 10 & 24 Mar, 7 & 21 Apr & every Sat

ROYAL PAVILION

Tuesday 10.30-11.30am, Saturday 12-1pm £30, members and annual pass holders £15 (includes entry to the Royal Pavilion at end of tour)

An unpolished, behind-the-scenes glimpse of areas of the building not normally open to the public. Discover more about life below stairs for Royal Pavilion servants, ending in the tunnel which led to George IV's royal stables.



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