

Programme Guide

Old Shoreham Heritage Festival

6-15 September

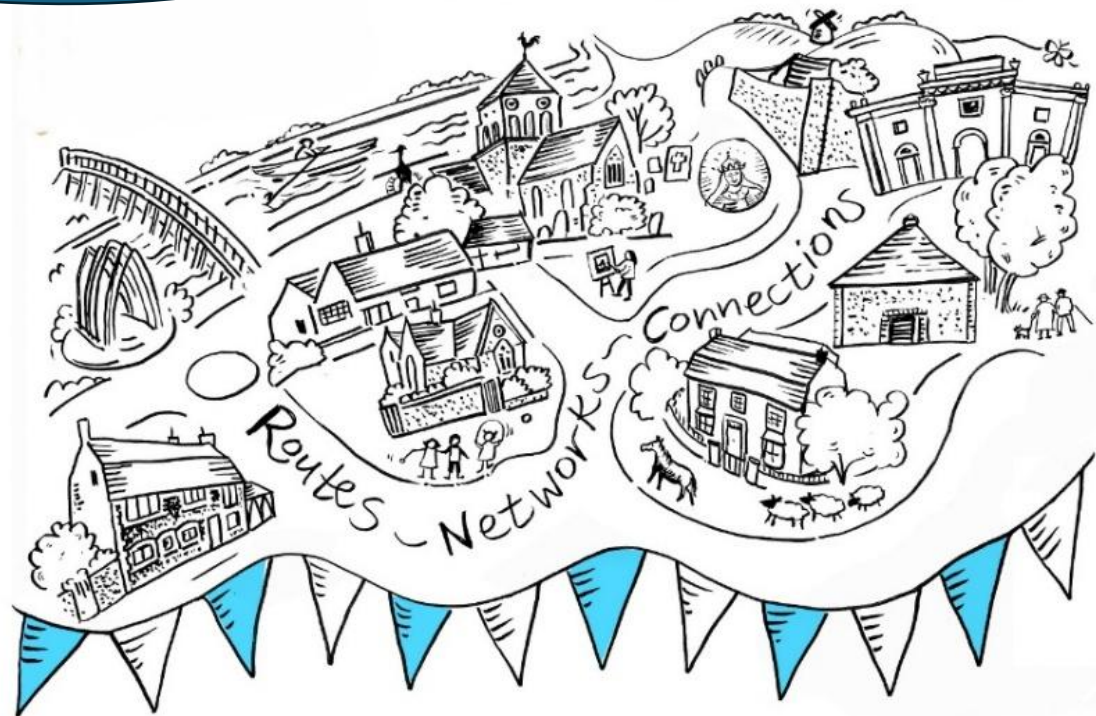


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At Adur's ancient crossroads,
where the Downs meet the river and the sea

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Old Shoreham Heritage Festival

6-15 September

2024

The Festival offers nine days of walks, talks, art, music and workshops from 6 to 15 September, organised in association with this year's national and European Heritage Open Days. The theme is *Routes, Networks and Connections*, a perfect fit with Old Shoreham's historic importance as a crossroads between the Sussex Weald and the sea, connected by the river to the coastal roads. For 2000 years the main east-west route across the River Adur has passed through the centre of the parish.

The Festival invites everyone in Adur to step outside the town centre and discover where Shoreham began - and 'where the wild things are'. It isn't only about the past: it's about getting a fresh perspective on the social and economic opportunities in our area and the potential for nature recovery.

The full programme and booking links are also available at the Heritage Open Days website, where you can see what else is happening locally.

Places on the guided walks, talks and workshops are limited. Book now to avoid disappointment.

The Old Shoreham Heritage Festival is organised by Friends of Old Shoreham, working with the Friends of St Nicolas, Adur Arts Collective, the Shoreham Society and many other local groups to build understanding of the history and natural beauty of this part of our area, and start some new conversations.

Please note that children are welcome at our events but must remain under the supervision of parents or the responsible adult at all times.

Festival Calendar

FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

Art Exhibition

Private view by invitation

SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

Art Exhibition

11am to 4pm

New Art for Old Shoreham

Music in the church

11am *Lissan* Celtic harp and guitar

2pm *John Finch* Guitar

Old Shoreham Heritage trail

2pm Guided Walk along the Trail

All day Self-guided walk

and children's costume trail

SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

Workshop at Buckingham Park

10am to Noon *Drawn Out in the Park*

Art Exhibition

2 to 5pm *New Art for Old Shoreham*

Music in the church and grounds

2pm Folk around the church

Old Shoreham Heritage trail

3pm Guided Walk along the Trail

All day Self-guided walk

and children's costume trail

The FOldS Talks - Community

7pm *Think local: action for change in the community*

MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

Art Exhibition

11am to 4pm

New Art for Old Shoreham

Old Shoreham Heritage trail

All day Self-guided walk

TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

Art Exhibition

11am to 4pm

New Art for Old Shoreham

Old Shoreham Heritage trail

All day Self-guided walk

Drop-in workshop at St Nicolas

2 to 5pm *Researching your back garden history*

WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

Art Exhibition

11am to 4pm

New Art for Old Shoreham

Old Shoreham Heritage trail

All day Self-guided walk

The FOldS Talks - Environment

7pm *The Adur Valley: Shoreham's green gap*

THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

Art Exhibition

11am to 4pm

New Art for Old Shoreham

Old Shoreham Heritage trail

All day Self-guided walk

Workshop at the Bowls Club in Buckingham Park

3 to 5pm *Illustrating Esther Waters*

Concert

7pm *An evening of poetry and song*

Pauline Rutter, Bo Rutter and

Amy Hill's Women's Singing Circle

FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

Art Exhibition

11am to 4pm

New Art for Old Shoreham

Old Shoreham Heritage trail

All day Self-guided walk

Workshops at St Nicolas

11am to 2pm *A soundscape for Old Shoreham*

3 to 5pm *A banner for Old Shoreham – stitching a story*

Music at the Amsterdam Inn

8pm *'Routes, networks and connections in song'* with Lissan, Martin Byatt, Steely Fans, Phil and Jane, Liege and Leaf and The Valentinos

SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

Charity event



9am to 4pm Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride

Art Exhibition

11am to 4pm

New Art for Old Shoreham

Music in the church and grounds

11am Folk/rock in the Churchyard

2pm *River Songs* Singing circle

Old Shoreham Heritage trail

2pm Guided Walk along the Trail

All day Self-guided walk and children's trail

Guided Walk

4pm *Who needs five bridges?*

The FOldS Talks - Heritage

7pm *Deeper, wider and older than you think: The River Adur and the Port at Old Shoreham*

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

Art Exhibition

2 to 5pm *New Art for Old Shoreham*

Music in the church and grounds

2pm *French folk music* Bill and Max

Old Shoreham Heritage trail

3pm Guided Walk along the Trail

All day Self-guided walk and children's trail

ART EXHIBITION

New Art celebrating Old Shoreham

An exhibition of new and original art in Adur's oldest building. Artists of all ages, amateur and professional, working in a wide range of media, capture what is special about this area and its community.

Many of the pieces on display will be available to purchase.



Old Shoreham Tollbridge
Jessica Barraah 2024

Venue St Nicolas Church, Old Shoreham

Date and time Every day 7 to 15 September
11am to 4pm Monday to Saturday
2pm to 5pm on Sundays

Details [Click here](#) to learn more about the exhibition.



The artists and artworks

Scilla Allen

Moonlight over the Tower

Jessica Barrah

Old Shoreham Tollbridge

Sarah Bidwell

'Wall'

Susan Bishop

Fox Life

Fiona Conn

*Summer Wildflowers, Old Shoreham
Toll Bridge*

Tony Day

Sailing by St Nicolas

John Farmelo

*A linked group comprising four small
paintings of Old Shoreham*

Kim-Adele Fuller

Old Shoreham Toll Bridge

Lisa Green

Adur twilight

Terry Griffin

Shoreham

Jane Grover

Treading through time

Barbara M Harris

Morning Wander/Wonder

Barbara Howden

Over the hills and far away

Dennis Hunt

Photographic Prints

Simon James

Sounds from South of Shoreham Port

Delia Lindon-Spence

Orts

Linescapes

Shoreham Airport

Philip Major

Buckingham House Ruins

Seana Mallen

A walk along the River Adur

Teresa Martin

Sculptures

Teresa Martin

*Display about
the Adur
portals*

Reine Mazoyer

and Dick Dixon

Old Shoreham

Greta Meeten

Blackbird

Karolyn Mnich

A glimpse of Old Shoreham

Nancy Ouchida Howells

Flowers are Friends



Old Shoreham Reine Mazoyer 2024

Lois Pawson
Esther Waters

Bo Rutter
An exploration of South Downs Wildlife

Pauline Rutter
Across the Bridge

Rosie Shephard
Memories we share.

Yoneko Shiraishi
*Moonlight shadows, paths and spirits
in Old Shoreham*

Shoreham Creatives (Wendy Jones)
*A Stitch in our Time: Shoreham
Community Quilt 2020*

SOLD artists (Richard Norris, Lucy
Buckman, Rachael Parkes, Darren
Thompson, Connor Fallon and Jolie
Marshall)
A walk in Old Shoreham

The children of St Nicolas and St Mary
School After-School Club
*Artwork inspired by the landscape and
architecture of Old Shoreham*

Hilary Stirling aka The Crafty Potter
*St Nicolas church | Features of St
Nicolas Church (triptych)*

Cyan Sweetman
*Birds foot Trefoil | Cowslip | Pyramidal
Orchid | Common Dog Violet*

Swiss Gardens School Year 4
St Nicolas Church tour guides

Lesley Tomlinson
The Red Lion Inn

Luca Tonks
Old Shoreham Toll Bridge

Anna Twinam Cauchi
Curlew | Egrets | Two estuary birds

Judy Upton
The butterflies of St Nicolas Churchyard

Lindsay Viljoen
Shoreham Airport

Roy Webb
*St Mary de Haura across the river |
St Nicolas Church across the river*



Shoreham Community Quilt 2020

WALKS AND TRAILS

Old Shoreham Heritage Trail

A new history trail through Old Shoreham from the river to the Downs, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Old Shoreham Conservation Area.

Guided walks

We are offering guided walks on the weekends.

Signboards and a trail guide are available every day for those who want to explore the area independently.

FOldS members are also developing a virtual tour showcasing historical features of the area that are not easily seen today.

Children's costume trail in the church and grounds

Bring your children to enjoy our family trail in the church and churchyard, and learn more about this fascinating and historic building on our doorstep, once described as the mother church of Sussex, with walls that were already hundreds of years old when Bramber Castle and Shoreham's town centre were still in the ideas stage. And join in the dressing-up fun and learning with period-style clothing from medieval times specially made for the Festival by theatre and film costumier Joan Staley and her friends. You can also learn more about church vestments from the St Nicolas collection.



Where

Starting from St Nicolas Church, St Nicolas Lane, Old Shoreham

When

Guided Walks

Sat 7 Sep at 2pm [BOOK NOW](#)

Sun 8 Sep at 3pm [BOOK NOW](#)

Sat 14 Sep at 2pm [BOOK NOW](#)

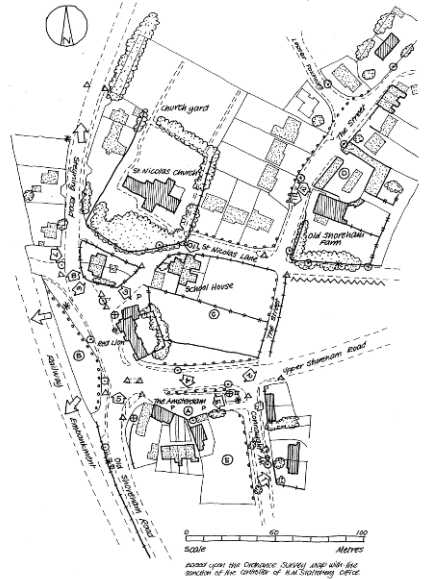
Sun 15 Sep at 3pm [BOOK NOW](#)

Children’s trail

Weekends: ask at the welcome desk

Self-guided

Trail guides and the virtual tour will be available at the Welcome Desk from 11am to 4pm every day (2 to 5pm on Sundays)



Who needs five bridges?

Shoreham with five river crossings is surely mimicking London! Why so many? And isn’t there an obscure law about bridge spacings on a river? Discover all – or nearly all - on this Heritage Open Days event organised by The Shoreham Society and led by popular historian Dr Geoffrey Mead.

Where

Starting from Coronation Green, High Street BN43

When

Sat 14 September at 4pm

Details Available [here](#)



MUSIC AND POETRY

Local musicians will be adding another dimension to the exhibition and trails with daytime performances in the church and grounds, and a singing circle, open to all. Plus live music and poetry performances in the evenings.

Music in the chancel and the churchyard

Venue St Nicolas Church Old Shoreham

Dates and times

- Saturday 7 September
11am *Lissan* Celtic Harp and acoustic guitar
2pm *John Finch* Acoustic guitar
- Sunday 8 September
2pm *Folk around the church:*
Mervyn and Garima Guitar, fiddle and sitar
- Saturday 14th September
11am *Folk/rock in the Churchyard* Martin Byatt and friends
2pm *River Songs* Singing circle led by Amy Hill
- Sunday 15 September
2pm *Bill and Max* play French folk music on the accordion and hurdy-gurdy

Just turn up and immerse yourself in our art, music and history

Evening performances

Thursday 12 September at St Nicolas 7pm

Reflections of Shoreham and the South Downs in poetry and song with Pauline Rutter and Bo Rutter, and Shoreham Women's Singing Circle led by Amy Hill.

Pauline Rutter is an archival artist and community and organisational poet. During this session she will be reflecting on how nature, local causes and initiatives and wider geo-political entanglements, influence her writing and other creative work. It is also an opportunity to hear about her National Trust commission for the Changing Chalk programme entitled 'From Collections to Connections.' This has further inspired her research and writing about the South Downs chalk grasslands flora and fauna including Mill Hill. **Illustrator Bo Rutter** will be discussing their approach to creating unique botanical illustrations for 'From Collections to Connections' and how they apply visual research techniques to art making.



Amy Hill works as a community musician and facilitates singing for health and wellbeing. Amy believes that wellness and connection blossom through the power of community connection and song. *"I'm passionate about bringing*

people together through music, and there's something truly special about the magic that happens when voices unite in harmony." Women's Singing Circle is a Shoreham group where singers explore their voices in the beauty of group singing

Doors open at 6pm

Performance begins at 7pm

Refreshments available (licensed bar)

Friday 13 September Music at the Amsterdam 8pm

Routes, networks and connections in song

Join us in the 17th century Amsterdam Inn for a relaxed Friday evening of music and song with a variety of Shoreham-based bands and performers playing to the theme of this year's Heritage Open Days.



- *Liege and Leaf*
songs from the Sandy Denny era of Fairport Convention and Fotheringay
- *Lissan*
songs on the harp and acoustic guitar
- *Martin Byatt and members of Steely Fans*
- *Phil and Jane*
Folk duo
- *The Valentinos*
Americana and folk songs

The Amsterdam Inn, Old Shoreham Road

Performances begin at 8pm

The Amsterdam Inn serves traditional pub food with a British and International twist [Book a table here](#)

THE FOLDS TALKS

A new series of lively, engaging discussions with people involved in both local community projects and large regional programmes to protect and improve our environment and heritage. Together we will explore how individuals and the community can play our part in these initiatives, taking action in our homes and streets.

Venue for all talks St Nicolas Church Old Shoreham

Dates and times Doors open at 6.00pm finishing by 9pm

Food and drink Refreshments available (licensed bar)

Details Booking is advised- see individual talks for booking links.

Sunday 8 September at 19:00

Think local: action for change in the community

Local activists and community support groups will discuss how they have acted to protect and improve their local environment with a focus on how we can all turn good intentions into achievements. How can we, as a group and as individuals, take action locally? The panel is chaired by Jess Estcourt from Community Works: speakers include Gerry Thompson, local wildlife gardener and representatives from Transition Towns and The Living Coast (UNESCO's Brighton biosphere reserve)

Doors open at 6pm

Refreshments available (licensed bar)

[BOOK HERE](#)

Wednesday 11 September at 19:00

The Adur Valley: Shoreham's green gap

The river valley and Downs at Old Shoreham are a focus for several major programmes to protect and improve our natural and human heritage. The Old Shoreham Conservation Area, the Adur Site of Special Scientific Interest, Mill Hill Local Nature Reserve, UNESCO biosphere and South Downs National Park safeguard a large part of the district.

But in practice these protections are under-policed and underenforced. Speakers will highlight the importance and fragility of the area. How can we, as a local organisation and local people work together with these agencies as advocates, monitors, landowners and conservation volunteers? How can we develop local plans for conservation and a sustainable future?

The session will be chaired by Julian Shinn of the Green Party with panellists from Adur River Recovery, Changing Chalk (The National Trust), Ouse and Adur Rivers Trust, Shoreham and District Ornithological Society, Weald to Waves and the Sussex Wildlife Trust



Doors open at 6pm

Refreshments available (licensed bar)

[BOOK HERE](#)

Saturday 14 September at 19:00

Deeper, wider and older than you think: the River Adur and the Port at Old Shoreham

Old Shoreham contains evidence of 3-5000 years of human history and was a thriving village in Anglo Saxon times. It has been much more than a rural village because of its strategic location and as a crossroads between the sea, the interior and along the coast. It has continued in importance to the present day both as a highway and as a defensive location. Yet much of its history is unknown or forgotten. This session will focus on one aspect – was there an ancient port in Old Shoreham? It isn't clear.

Barbara Chandler and Geoffrey Mead will review the historic and archaeological evidence and identify what further investigations are needed. But they will also ask: What else don't we know? How can we explore these questions?

Doors open at 6pm

Refreshments available (licensed bar)

[BOOK NOW](#)

ART AND HISTORY WORKSHOPS

Opportunities to research local history, develop your drawing and illustration skills, explore local literature and contribute to creating a quilted banner for Old Shoreham.

Sunday 8 September 10am to Noon in Buckingham Park

Drawn Out in the Park

An informal gathering of outdoor sketchers, both experienced and beginners, in the 17th century parkland of Buckingham House with its famous chestnut trees - our beautiful community park for over 100 years.

Organised and led by Lois Pawson, these outdoor sketching gatherings are a shared experience of enjoying being creative outdoors, with no judgement about each other's artwork.

Venue Buckingham Park

Details [BOOK NOW](#) Further information and bookings at tinyurl.com/drawnoutpark

Tuesday 10 September 2pm to 5 pm

Researching your back garden history

An afternoon drop-in session with Brian Drury.

Evidence of 3000 years of human history lies in the houses and roadsides of Old Shoreham, including the base for an entire army during World War One. Come

and explore our maps and resources. Learn about the history to be found in the gardens of Old Shoreham and how to dig into it for yourself.

Venue St Nicolas church Old Shoreham

Details For background to this session see the August issue of [Inside Shoreham magazine](#) (pages 26-27) or visit the [Shoreham Fort](#) website

Thursday 12 Sep from 3 to 5pm in Buckingham Park

Illustrating Esther Waters

A creative workshop organised and led by Lois Pawson to illustrate the story of 'Esther Waters', the 1899 novel by writer George Moore, whose settings for the story in Old Shoreham include the Red Lion Inn, the river Adur and Buckingham Park - which is the venue for this fun workshop combining creative drawing, storytelling and local history.

This workshop includes an introduction to the story and to Buckingham Park, which features in this fictional story renamed as 'Woodview', the home of a racehorse owning family and their various servants, including Esther Waters, the main story character. Her story is about overcoming adversity and what in Victorian times would have then been considered scandalous - to be an unmarried mother. The story gives fascinating insights about life in Old Shoreham over 150 years ago. The writer George Moore was familiar with Shoreham and describes the town and surrounding areas in great detail.

All of the artwork created will be photographed and then made into a digital 'zine' shared with workshop participants.

Venue the Bowls Club in Buckingham Park

Details Booking is essential

[BOOK NOW](#)

Friday 13 September 11am to 2pm at St Nicolas

A soundscape for Old Shoreham

Join sound artist Simon James to gain another sense of Old Shoreham. Simon will talk about his recordings of the sounds of Shoreham Port and share extracts from his journals before leading a listening walk around St Nicolas and the surrounding area to start a discussion about designing a local soundscape connecting heritage, environment and community.

Venue St Nicolas Church

Details [BOOK NOW](#) to join the workshop

[Click here](#) for more background to Simon's projects

Friday 13 September from 3pm to 5pm at St Nicolas

A banner for Old Shoreham

This practical workshop, facilitated by the [Shoreham Creatives](#), is inspired by the Shoreham Community Quilt, which will be on display throughout the festival. The

Friends of Old Shoreham have invited Shoreham Creatives to create a Banner for Old Shoreham, stitching together a new story that celebrates the area, people and stories Old Shoreham. We will be taking our inspiration from locations in the Shoreham Heritage Trail and the theme of Routes, Networks and Connections, working together to design a layout for a new banner that will remain in St Nicholas church as a permanent record of the 50th anniversary of the Old Shoreham Conservation Area.

We'll share ideas, working with paper, fabric, pens etc to create a collage which will give us an initial design for the banner. All materials will be provided

No stitching experience is required for this workshop!

There will also be opportunities to continue to contribute to the making of the final banner after the workshop

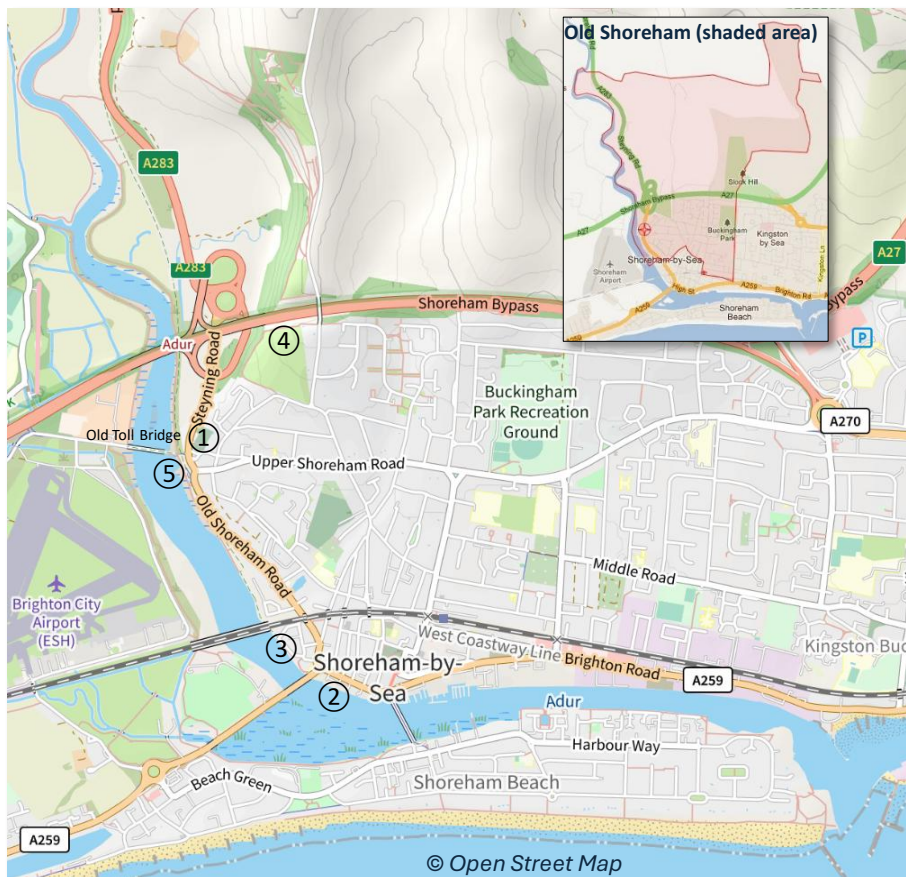
This workshop is suitable for young people and adults.

Booking Essential, places are limited [BOOK NOW](#)

Hosts Wendy Jones and Julie Meriwoode, members of the Shoreham Creatives group, with Joan Staley of FOldS.

Contact [Wendy Jones](mailto:wendyjalnajones@gmail.com): wendyjalnajones@gmail.com

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Old Shoreham ① has frequent train and bus services from Worthing and Brighton (Bus number 700 Coastliner) then by bus transfer, on foot or in a taxi.

BUS The No 2 bus provides a service to Old Shoreham from Shoreham station and High Street ② also from Steyning, Rottingdean and Brighton.

WALK The Downs Link riverside path and cycleway ③ leads directly from the town centre to the Toll Bridge or south from Steyning and Horsham.

BY CAR Take the A27 to the Shoreham turnoff ④ then drive to where the A283 and the A270 meet at the Red Lion and Amsterdam Inns ⑤.



heritage open days

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With heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all the other individuals and organisations who are contributing to the Festival events.

And special thanks to our generous sponsors, the Adur and Worthing Trust and Shoreham Port



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