

# Tour of Brighton - 15 April 2026

Our TASA members enjoyed a tour of Brighton's Lanes and the area around it, during a morning and afternoon tour, led by Frances Farrer-Brown.

We met at the entrance to the Pier on a windy and dull morning, ready to find out what this famous British seaside town was all about. Frances made it clear that she would concentrate on the



Lanes

and leave the Pavillion's history alone. From the noisy roadworks we moved to the Old Steine area where the fishermen once used to lay out and dry their nets, and admired the listed building next to the YMCA with its

mathematical bricks. They were laid on the exterior of timber-framed buildings as an alternative to brickwork, which their appearance closely resembled. A distinctive black variety with a glazed surface was used on many buildings in Brighton from about 1760 onwards, and is considered a characteristic feature of the town's early architecture. The same tiles can be seen on the Pump House pub above.

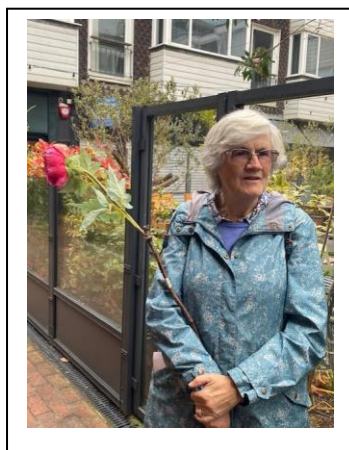
Next to the Lanes themselves, passing by 'The Original House of Correction built in the reign of William IV 1835' in Market Street.



It is dubious if it was used as such, having been used for various commercial purposes such as antiques.

The Lanes of course are known for their many antique shops. Parts of The Lanes date back to the late 16<sup>th</sup> Century when Brighton was a small fishing town called BRIGHTHELMSTONE. A maze of

alleyways –or twittens as they're known locally, with hidden small squares.



Our walk ended near the Black Lion pub, with a history all of its own and perhaps not as old and original as one would like to imagine. I have left out the stories of ghosts, Kings et al that Frances regaled.

