

New season lectures 2011-2012

Our 2011-2012 lecture programme focuses on the historic buildings, spaces and characters that have formed our city. Apart from the AGM lecture, which will be held on Friday 20 April in the Music Room of the Royal Pavilion, all lectures take place on Wednesdays at City College, Pelham Street, Brighton BN1. They all start at 7pm.

We have adopted the Prince George in Trafalgar Street as our preferred post-lecture watering hole, where you can talk to the speaker over a drink and meet the Society's officers and trustees. It's a spacious pub and serves snacks and meals.

16 November

Indian soldiers and the Royal Pavilion

Kevin Bacon, digital development officer for the Royal Pavilion and Museums and co-curator of the Pavilion's Indian hospital gallery

7 December

Brighton beach kaleidoscope

Geoffrey Mead, local historian, geographer and one of our most popular lecturers

11 January

Zero energy design for Portslade

Bill Dunster, architect of the Bed-Z zero-energy housing project in South London and of Port-Z in Portslade

1 February

Lost and neglected sculptures in Sussex

Anthony McIntosh, research officer for the two-year Sussex Sculpture Recording Project

14 March

The Duke of York cinema and lost cinemas

Frank Gray, director of Screen Archives South East

Friday 20 April

AGM lecture: George III – bad as well as mad

Lord Kenneth Baker, historian, author and politician
Music Room, Royal Pavilion

Entrance is free to members – please remember your membership card. Guests and non-members are charged £5 to defray the considerable costs of the lecture series. City College offers full wheelchair access, good public transport connections and ample parking nearby. Members can gather in the foyer or use the refectory next to the lecture theatre as a meeting place before the lectures. The refectory is open until 8.00 pm and serves hot drinks for about £1, sandwiches for £2 and main dishes for about £4. The College's own car park, accessed from Whitecross Street, can be used for a fixed fee of 50p after 5.00pm and the covered Trafalgar Street car park (under Theobald House and actually in Whitecross Street) costs £2.50 for two hours.