

Friends of the Pepperpot

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The Friends of the Pepperpot are a group of volunteers concerned about the continued neglect of the Pepperpot building, which stands to the north of Queens Park in Brighton.

We feel that the Pepperpot has great value as a heritage asset and as a local landmark. We aim to work with Brighton council and others to try to reverse the decline of this building and to support investment for its restoration.

We would like to identify new uses for the site which are supported by the local community and help ensure that the Pepperpot is well

Ever wanted to look inside?



Well now you can.

Come and look around on **Heritage Open Door Weekend 9 - 12 September 2010**

Help us preserve the Pepper Pot, become a friend visit www.pepperpot.info for more details

Maintenance and repair—latest news

Since its formation in January, FoPP has been working to promote the Pepperpot and has been lobbying the council (the owners of the building) to invest in both short term repairs to the tower and to look at its longer term future.

We are very pleased that the council has found some funds to commit to urgent repairs to the external elements, concentrating on weatherproofing and repainting which will help protect the tower from water penetration. We hope that resources will be found to restore the architectural detail and to re-open the windows on the top floor, as well as to strengthen internal floors and stairs so that we can access the upper levels.

The works are due to commence in the spring of next year.

In the Pot with St Luke's

At the end of the summer term we hosted a morning of visits by Year 4 pupils from St Luke's Primary School as a part of their Local Studies day. This was a very successful event—thanks to the council Environment Improvement Team for producing student packs—and we hope to run this next year, alongside other activities with the local schools.

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Pot or Box (or Mill?)

The Pepperpot (originally known as The 'Pepperbox') is one of the last remaining features of the Attree Villa which was designed by architect Sir Charles Barry (best known for designing the houses of Parliament) and built in the late 1820's.

Although the tower is now commonly known as the 'Pepperpot', when it was built this term was not in use and it was known as the 'Pepperbox' (as can be seen on our heritage greeting card).

We have recently acquired a copy of the original plans complete with working notes which were made by Charles Barry at the time of building. From these it is clear that the Tower was intended to host a 'windmill' pump to draw water into a large holding tank beneath the Tower from where it could be pumped into the Attree Villa.

The plans will be available to view at the Heritage Open Door weekend on September 11th/12th. Pepperpot, Pepperbox or now Peppermill? Let us know your preference.



Greetings cards and postcards for sale:

Greeting cards - £1.50
Postcards - 50p

All proceeds go to FoPP

Cards available from

The Dover Castle
Muesli Mountain Market
And other local venues

Our fundraising appeal—its electric!

So far this year we have held a string of successful arts events in the Tower, and we are constantly approached by others wishing to use it as a venue. One thing which would really help this would be to reconnect the electricity. The council will not take on this responsibility, but will help the friends to do so, which will add to the community value of the Tower. A local electrician has agreed to carry out the work for free, but we will still need money for materials and to pay the bill. Please consider donating to FoPP or by buying some of our high quality greetings cards (see above) to help us to preserve and restore this unique building in our community.

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