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BRIGHTON & HOVE ON THIS DAY
History, Facts & Figures from Every Day of the Year
By Dan Tester

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BOOK LAUNCH/SIGNING EVENT:

Dan Tester will be available for interview and to sign copies of his new book, *Brighton & Hove On This Day*, at a launch party on Friday 24 October 2014.

The event will run from 5pm to 8pm, upstairs at The Eagle, 125 Gloucester Passage (Gloucester Road), Brighton, just a few minutes from Brighton station.

Brighton & Hove On This Day revisits all the most magical and memorable moments from the two towns' pulsating history, mixing in a maelstrom of quirky anecdotes and legendary characters to produce an irresistibly dippable Brighton & Hove diary – with an entry for every day of the year.

From Brighton's first market in 1313 to 7,000 Brightonians feasting at the first unofficial Brighton Festival in 1817; from bear-baiting in Bear Road to digging the deepest well in the world at Woodingdean – here are the people and events that have helped shape our marvellous cultural melting pot, long synonymous with creativity, music, hedonism, freedom and tolerance.

Read *Brighton & Hove On This Day*, and you'll discover a hundred nefarious, salacious, humorous, ridiculous, statistical, whimsical and historical things you never knew you needed to know about the nation's favourite seaside resort.

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- Revisit Saturday 6th April 1974, when 'The Abba' won the Eurovision Song Contest at The Dome, singing 'Waterloo'. The Brit jurors awarded the Swedish superstars 'nul points'!
- Thursday 14th January 1999: Brighton was unveiled as the coldest place in the universe! A sample of gas in a lab at the University of Sussex was cooled to only a few hundred billionths of a degree above absolute zero.
- Look back to Friday 4th April 1823, when bricklayer Daniel Watts and sawyer James Smith competed in a famous prize fight. After an hour Smith was knocked unconscious, and sadly died next morning. Watts was charged with manslaughter but passed away from his own injuries before he could be brought to trial.
- Wednesday 21st February 2007: The council warned Hove resident Stuart Conway for throwing 7,000 bottles into the sea over a ten-year period. The free online message-in-a-bottle service said, "I like to think of myself as a sort of postman for emotions."

About the Author

Dan Tester is the author of *Brighton & Hove Albion On This Day (I and II)*, and has also penned a tome on men named Michael! Dan has spent the majority of his life in Brighton & Hove and has a great passion for the place. A copywriter by trade, he also puts on funk and soul nights and co-presents Radio Reverb's monthly *Family Funktunes* show.

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