

# OPJS House – Nash



**Name:** Richard 'Beau' Nash

**Dates:** 1674- 1761

## **Information:**

Born in Swansea. He studied at Oxford, was in the army and practised law in the Inner Temple in London.

He visited Bath and enjoyed the lifestyle. He loved to gamble and socialise and in 1704 he became Bath's Master of Ceremonies, organising balls, dances and social gatherings.

His reforms in manners, his influence in improving streets and buildings and his leadership in fashion helped to turn Bath into a fashionable holiday centre.

He gave himself the title 'King of Bath' and his elegant dressing earned him the nickname ' Beau'.

His gambling left him a pauper but when he died Beau Nash was buried in Bath Abbey.