



# The Round Hill Reporter

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## Round Hill Street Party

*Sunday 12 June, 2pm to 10pm*

Perhaps June's weather will be kinder to us than last September's was.

The venue is the same – D'Aubigny Road, and the time is unchanged - 2pm to 10pm.

If there's a theme at all it's to celebrate the local. We have music all day, and all of it local.

There will also be locally produced traditional British liquid refreshments. There are already some local foods and local craft stalls booked in, but we would like to have more.

If you bake, grow plants, sew, knit, build furniture to order, design and install mosaics, or anything else that might appeal to other residents, please book a table for the day, and offer your services and products. No charge for the table, but if you make some money we'd appreciate one tenth as a contribution to funds for future events.

Circus Skills leader Rob and a student



If you want to be more involved we could certainly use some extra help on the morning of the 12<sup>th</sup>, setting out tables, erecting gazebos, helping shift cars, putting up bunting, and much more.

The same thing happens in reverse in the evening, after 10pm, and early on Monday morning, when final clearing up occurs.

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# Round Hill Open Gardens

*Four gardens and five chances  
to visit one or more of them*

The National Gardens Scheme organises open gardens across the country to raise money for selected charities. This year there are over 200 gardens opening in Sussex, and three of them are in Round Hill.

They are **1 Belton Close** (Steve Bustin and John Williams), **85 Princes Crescent** (George Coleby) and **118 Richmond Road** (Vicky Sharman and John Bridger). All three gardens are open to visitors for a combined admission of just £3 on **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July**, from 11am until 5pm.

You can preview all of them on their website, at [www.roundhillgardens.co.uk](http://www.roundhillgardens.co.uk)

The same gardens are also opening to raise funds for Sussex Beacon HIV support charity. The Sussex Beacon Garden Gadabout has two dates – **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June** and **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**, noon to 5pm on both dates.

Put aside a little cash, and save a little space for tea and cakes at 1 Belton Close, on all three dates.

Meanwhile Jan and Rusty Curry are opening their garden at **58 Richmond Road** as a fundraiser for the Martlets Hospice on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June**, 11am to 5pm and **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June** between 2 and 6pm. They are asking for donations, and also offering refreshments.

For more open gardens look at the National Gardens Scheme website – [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk) – where you can select ‘gardens near you’, ‘Sussex’ from a drop-down menu and then ‘all’ from the ‘when’ box.

Alternatively try the Tourist Information Centre of Jubilee Street Library for a copy of the Sussex NGS catalogue.



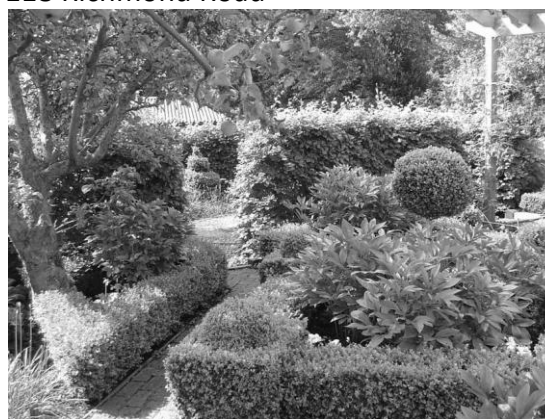
85 Princes Crescent



58 Richmond Road



1 Belton Close  
118 Richmond Road



# Roundhill Tavern Revamp

## *Who's upgrading our local?*

A young man called Sean Parsons, that's who. Originally from Sydney, but been in England a fair number of years. You may not be surprised to hear that he's done lots of bar work and bar manager work, but this is the first pub he can call his own.

His two years in Brighton have given him time to find just the right place for his vision of a family-friendly local doing good food and beer. There is a completely new ground floor open kitchen and a new prep. kitchen upstairs which bodes well for food.

There is a new disabled access toilet and baby changing area, which Sean pointed out will enable any parent to accompany their children to the toilet.

There will be four hand pumps, and he plans to offer Horsham's Kings and Hepworths beers, as well as Arundel Brewery beers. The big name brewery will probably be a Cornish one, Sharpes or St Austell.

Later on he hopes to open early to offer coffee and croissants, serving the unmet café society needs of our big self-employed home-working population. AND – he hopes to open by June.

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## We feel so lucky

We have lived in our house in Richmond Road, for fifty three years, since we were first married. We have always had lovely neighbours up and down the road, some who have lived here nearly as long as we have, others have moved here quite recently – and the students next door, who come and go every year. We have always known we are lucky but just recently Rusty had a serious emergency operation, and our neighbours leapt into action.

Cards, phone calls, visits, flowers, soup, sandwiches, pies . . . (embarrassing so many people knowing I don't like cooking), offers to help with the garden, shopping and walking the dog, books and magazines made us feel so fortunate and very thankful that we live on the round Hill.

Many, many thanks and it's a relief to be able to report Rusty is recovering well. We feel so lucky to be surrounded by such caring, loving people.

Jan and Rusty



# Summer Street Party 12 June

*Call in, eat, drink, stay the day, run a stall, or help set it up*

This year we were worried that we might not get the grant which we have come to expect from the Council. So we asked for local musicians to step up, and they have.

We have found musicians in Princes, Richmond, D'Aubigny, Wakefield and Upper Lewes Roads, as well as Round Hill Crescent.

In addition Fairlight School is sending us a samba band, and the head of music at Hove Park School has lined up a couple of student bands for us. That's the very young and the young – at the other end of the spectrum we have Brighton's Silver Sounds – another Samba band, this one made up of older people from the city – you may have heard them outside St Peter's Church during the recent marathon.

## The Music:

**2 – 3.45pm - Silver Sounds samba, Fairlight School Samba and bands from Hove Park School**

**4.30 – Brighton Fiddle Folk: traditional music**

**5.15 – Pragmatics: sax, drums and guitar**

**6pm – Cocktail Party: one guitar and three voices – melodic and humorous songs**

**6.45 – Cold Steel and the Badger: guitar, keyboard**

**7.30 – Pocket Rocket: three guitars and drums**

**8.15 – Dr Scardo's Miraculous Medicine: guitars, keyboard and drums. Look and listen at [www.dr-scarido.tv](http://www.dr-scarido.tv)**

**9pm – Gentleman Vase: electronic alternative music – with vocals – hear at <http://soundcloud.com/gentlemanvase>**

## Circus Skills Workshop 3 - 5

Circus Skills will be with us again, courtesy of H2Oh! Last year this proved not only fun but effective. Several participants managed to juggle three beanbags for a while, and I found I could still keep a hula-hoop up.

## Getafix Bike Surgery

Bruce was busy all day last time, and is hoping lots of people will bring their bikes along for a check-up, instant repair or a booked service.

## Plant Sale and Garden Photo Wall

Bring along any unwanted seedlings and small plants (labelled please) and we will sell them to others. All money goes to the Society for future events. Bring a photo of your garden or allotment, with a caption, for display.

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## *Crafts, activities or produce*

Cakes, knitting, chutneys, cards, plants or anything else you have made or can offer – we'd like to show what Round Hill can do. You can have a table for nothing, even a chair or two to go with it, but we'd appreciate a tithe on your profits for the day – 10% would help us run more events. Contact Rob Stephenson on rob.stephenson51@gmail.com or 673511.

## **Community University Partnership Project Research in Round Hill**

Next semester we hope that a number of students will start looking at the kinds of support people here might want or need, and the type and level of support the community might be able to offer. The idea is that the activity will help the students towards their degrees, and the outcome may help the Round Hill community.

## **Graffiti Walls and Paintable Houses**

As a starting point we will have graffiti walls where young people can express their thoughts about the area, and small houses that younger children can decorate. Paints will be available for both events, which will be in the early part of the day.

## **Pedal your way to a fruit smoothie**

Healthy living was never so good for you. Your energy converts fruit into a delicious drink.

## **Make yourself a badge**

Draw your own design, or fetch a picture from home, then encapsulate it into a badge.

## **Make a unique shopping bag**

Use the stencils or paint freehand onto a cotton shopping bag. Make the design permanent by ironing it at home

## **Coconut Shy without Coconuts**

Knock a cabbage down to win a piece of fruit

## **Hog Roast, vegetarian and meat curries, jacket potatoes with choices of fillings**

The caterers are the same guys as last year, but with a wider choice of foods available this time, following requests from vegetarians.

## **Liquid refreshment facility**

This year there will be three barrels, one from Harveys and two from Dark Star. In addition there will be wine and soft drinks. Water will be freely available, to keep you cool and fit on such a hot day.

## **Tables and chairs plus an area of astroturf**

With all that food and drink you'll be needing to sit down to eat, drink and enjoy the music – so there will be lots of chairs and tables, or pretend grass for picnicing on.

Come along and enjoy the show.

## **Wine tasting**

Sample some pleasing wines courtesy of local shop Red, White, Rose

## **Closing D'Aubigny Road**

We will be leafletting cars on D'Aubigny Road before you see this Round Hill Reporter to remind everyone that the road will be closed from 8am on Sunday morning. Ideally please don't park on this road on Saturday night unless you feel able to get up early and move your car Sunday morning. The road will open again late on Sunday night.

**The Round Hill Street Party is grant-aided by**



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# Local Crime Statistics

## A light look at the numbers

The Sussex Police website allows us all to get crime statistics for areas as small as wards, but its important to remember that we are only a small part of St Peters and North Laine ward.

Comparing September to November inclusive for 2009 and 2010 we can see that Violent crimes increased and other categories fell or remained about the same. The figures are average monthly crimes.

CRIMES	Sep-Nov 2009	Sep-Nov 2010
Anti soc behav	191	186
Burglary	23	14
Robbery	5	6
Vehicle crime	23	18
Violence	48	63

How do we compare with the whole of Brighton? The simple number of crimes won't help us compare, but if we look at crimes per thousand people it is easy.

CRIMES	Sep-Nov 2010 St P & NL	Sep-Nov 2010 BHCC
Anti Soc Behav	12.7	4.9
Burglary	0.9	0.6
Robbery	0.4	0.1
Vehicle crime	1.2	0.6
Violence	4.3	1.7

Now we can see what a crime-ridden area we occupy. Nearly three times the amount of anti-social behaviour, 50% more burglaries, four times as many robberies, double the vehicle crime and over three times the violent crime.

And yet its cats killing my slowworms and people putting glass and cans into the same

recycling box that gets me angry. Why, I could strangle those cats and chuck the misplaced bottles through their windows. Whoops – time to move to a low crime zone methinks.

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# Vivien E – Sheep Lookerer

## *Take a walk on the wild side*

Vivien has lived on Round Hill for 17 years, and has even edited this fine journal in the past. She and partner Barry have been volunteering with the local British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, out on the Downs on a weekday afternoons cutting down scrub to help bring back the species rich chalk grassland which used to be so common behind Brighton, but is now an internationally at-risk habitat.



It was whilst doing this conservation work that Vivien heard about the flock of sheep Brighton uses to keep down scrub on its downland pastures. Three years ago she did the days training course, learning about grazing and conservation, the annual life of sheep and the practical skills needed to ensure the sheep stay fit and healthy on the Downs.

Now she's out once a week, early in the day, to check the sheep – any limping need to be reported and any on their backs need to be helped upright – and the water supply and fences.

One of the biggest problems is people not controlling their dogs. The sheep with her lamb shown here is now dead, after an encounter with a dog. The lamb is back at the farm being hand reared.

Educating dog-owners is one of the most important tasks for sheep lookerers. People have been taking their dogs onto the Downs for decades, but now there are sheep there, and some people don't know they must control their dogs near sheep.



You can find out more about looking after Brighton's sheep on the Council website at [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/lookerers/](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/lookerers/)

Photos by JJ Waller

## Going on a guided walk

Brighton and Hove Archaeological Society organises summer walks with an expert to interpret. They charge £3 to non-members.

**15<sup>th</sup> June – Brighton Old Town** – leader Geoff Mead, meet south gate of Royal Pavilion, 7pm.

**29<sup>th</sup> June – Lewes Priory** – leader Helen Poole, meet Anne of Cleve's House, 7pm

**6<sup>th</sup> July – Ancient Steyning** – leader John Funnell, meet Steyning Museum, 7pm

**13<sup>th</sup> July – Old Steine and Kingscliffe** – leader Geoff Mead, meet south gate of Royal Pavilion, 7pm.



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