



# The Round Hill Reporter

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## Round Hill Questionnaire

*Win a meal for four at the Round Hill Tavern*

Inside this issue of the Reporter is the Round Hill 2012 Community Survey. Please take a few minutes to complete it and provide us with valuable information about what it is like to live in Round Hill and what needs to be done to improve things locally.

The survey and related report is funded through the University of Brighton's Community, University Partnership Project (CUPP). Two local students and a senior tutor have volunteered their help and are actively contributing to the design, compilation and production of a local report which will inform the future work of the Round Hill Society and be used to influence the council about local initiatives. Our student researchers are Yi-Chun Chen and Tony O'Mahoney. Jim McLoughlin a senior lecturer at the Business School is providing valuable guidance. We plan to publish the resulting report in June/July to everyone in the area. You can find out more about CUPP on the roundhill website.

To encourage you to complete and return the survey, CUPP will fund **a meal for four at the Round Hill Tavern worth £100 for one lucky winner!** It won't take long and there is even a version online at [www.roundhill.org.uk/survey2012](http://www.roundhill.org.uk/survey2012) to save you the

time needed to post the paper version through a RHS committee members' letterbox. Be assured the information you provide will only ever be used anonymously and then only to inform local priorities and improvements to Round Hill.

Please help by completing the survey by 17<sup>th</sup> March – thank you. And now – celebrating the new trees planted in Richmond Road, by Stefan Holstrom



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# Road Rage in Round Hill

More than one lot of road works has resulted in regular rat-running through Princes Crescent and Wakefield Road during the last several months. One resident of Wakefield Road raised the matter on the Roundhill Yahoo site. Apart from problems of parking and pulling away when others are roaring up or down the hill, Sams main concern was: "the appalling road rage that we've been subjected to as impatient drivers make their way home during the rush-hour. My children have witnessed stand up rows, been exposed to some of the choicest swear words and endured horns blaring on and on just outside the window during our mealtimes and sometimes past their bedtime. I understand that the road rage incidents even made it into The Argus following a 4x4 vehicle shunting another car out of the way to ensure his passage in the opposite direction."

Sam wonders if the (rejected at consultation) proposal to make Wakefield Road one-way uphill might be looked at again. Len Holloway, the Accident Prevention Officer at the Council, points out that budgets are limited and that the road works will come to an end, when things should improve.

Speaking of limited budgets, the proposal for a light-controlled crossing on the Upper Lewes Road did not reach the top of the list, presumably some of the other 60+ proposals were seen as more urgent.

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## The Roundhill Tavern



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# Seasonal Singing Summary

On Thursday 15th December, a group set out from the bottom of the cat creep at 6.30pm. We followed the route of Round Hill Crescent up to D'Aubigny Road , Richmond Road into Mayo Road and finally Princes Road..

All of the old favourite songs were sung, supported by Andrew on the squeeze box and Rusty on harmonica. More people joined us along the way, and although some went home after a few songs about 25 people, young and older, made it to the Round Hill Tavern where mulled wine and mince pies were served. It was good to see some groups stay on for a meal in our much improved new pub.

The people in Roundhill were as generous as ever and we raised £170 which we sent to the Martlets Hospice. Martlets were very pleased with the donation which will help run their At-Home Support Service. Since opening in 1997 The MartletsHospice has cared for more than 20,000 local people and to continue to do this they must raise over £9,000 each and every day of the year.

## Window Decorations

### *Belton Road shows how*

About a dozen bay windows in Belton Road displayed decorated house numbers with a seasonal theme.

I don't know if this is the first year they have done it, but I was impressed. The work was child-originated but also well displayed and lit, and the consistency of the number theme worked well.

I should also mention the amusing 'Bah Humbug' illuminated display on Richmond Road.

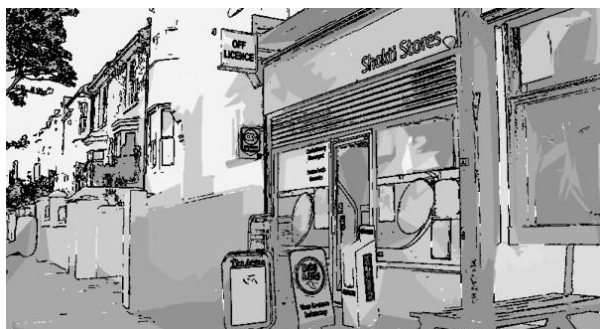


## Car Club Update

There is a City Car Club car based in D'Aubigny Rd so you aren't far from one, parked in its own designated bay. If that car is already booked, there are another eight cars and a van within walking distance.

The nearest VW Transporter City Van is near City College and is available to book for as little as 30 minutes, or a day, or for as long as you need. They are easy to drive and a very practical size, easily taking a kingsize mattress.

Once you've bought your annual membership (£60) you can hire a car for £5.20 an hour, or £42 for 24 hours. Fuel is extra, at 22p per mile right now. Comprehensive car insurance is included in the price, although you'll have to pay up to £750 excess if you have an accident. The fuel charge and hire cost will be charged to your account monthly. More: <http://www.citycarclub.co.uk>



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## Veolia News

### *Plans and meetings*

Whatever we may think of the cold weather it does reduce the rate of decay of rubbish at our nearby refuse transfer station, but what will happen when the warm weather returns? Well, perhaps we won't see the return of powerful pong if proposed changes to the Odour Management Plan at Veolia work as hoped. Kevin Hanson, the site manager, has been explaining the new system they hope to trial soon. At the moment fine mist sprays are used to 'wash' odours out of escaping air, but many of us know they are not always successful.

The new system will direct all air leaving the waste transfer station through active carbon filters which will absorb and hold onto odour causing molecules.

Meanwhile there is new technology coming to the other Veolia shed – the materials reclamation facility – where mixed recyclables are sorted. A new dust and odour suppression system is soon to be trialled there, to reduce the amount of dust in and escaping from the building.

Veolia hold regular meetings to keep neighbours informed of their work and plans. There are meetings planned for April, June, August, October and December. If you would like to attend, and perhaps report back through this newsletter, contact Kevin on 544205.

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## Nature Notes

### *Round Hill Sitings*

Whilst working in Belton Road recently I was delighted to see a large, grey-muzzled fox curled up on the roof of a nearby shed enjoying the weak afternoon sunshine. He was trying to relax, and yawned several times, but a pair of magpies seemed determined to ruin the siesta, scolding him from the safety of an adjacent tree, and then hopping down to the roof, just a few yards from him, causing him to sit up and snap his jaws at them.

Only a few weeks ago there were two young foxes wandering along the walls between the Upper Lewes Road and Round Hill Crescent. They were travelling in opposite directions, and barely acknowledged each other. One stood on my shed roof and watched a grey squirrel on the ground below.

If you follow the messages on the Roundhill Yahoo site ([roundhill-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:roundhill-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)) you may have read of the fox spotted between Crescent Road and Richmond Road. Seems we have a good population of them now.

I was watching a group of thrushes taking turns to drink from a shallow bowl of water. Then a cock blackbird arrived, scooted everyone away, and drank. After he'd finished he stuck around stopping any other bird getting to the bowl.



In this cold weather birds need water almost as much as food.

It may be cold here, but our weather is milder than in the north European home territory of redwings, which are visiting us now. I saw three of these plump, thrush-like birds perching together in a leafless tree this week, each with a bright red splash of colour on their sides just below their folded wings.

Whilst clearing the front garden I found two caterpillars of the scarlet tiger moth. This surprised me because I thought they had all got their pilots licences last year, and flown away. Perhaps these two didn't get enough to eat to metamorphose last summer, rather like the occasional tadpole that overwinters in the pond. I'm thinking of the summer, and waiting for warm evenings when I hope to spend more time in the garden, and see the bats that a near neighbour said he was watching last summer.

**Rob Stephenson**



# A New Webpage

For some time, The Round Hill Society's website at [www.roundhill.org.uk](http://www.roundhill.org.uk) has listed tradespeople who either live in Round Hill or have done satisfactory work for residents within our neighbourhood.

Having spent quite a large chunk of time co-ordinating the care of my 93-year old father, I have been motivated to put together a listing under the heading of "Support For Older People", which can also be accessed from the Home Page of the Round Hill site: [www.roundhill.org.uk](http://www.roundhill.org.uk).

There must be quite a number of Round Hill residents who have knowledge which could contribute to a "Support For Older People" web page. Please let me have useful info and contacts.

Why another web page when needs vary so much from person to person? Moreover, excellent listings and links to services already exist on websites such as:

[www.ageconcernbrighton-hove.org.uk](http://www.ageconcernbrighton-hove.org.uk), [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk), [www.cqc.org.uk/](http://www.cqc.org.uk/), [www.bhfederation.org.uk/](http://www.bhfederation.org.uk/)

In spite of these reservations, I feel that there is scope to develop a listing tailored to Round Hill. In the Crawley area, where my dad has been based, health specialists and assessors from various teams gave me numerous nuggets of information. Most useful was the address of a *mobility & homecare centre* based a few streets away from my dad's home. This sold commodes, hired wheelchairs out for short periods. The owner even operated a grab-rail fitting service. He delivered free of charge, attending often on the same day of the request.

It would be useful to gather similar tips which would serve older people and those supporting them in Round Hill. Personal recommendations RE Home Care Agencies &/or Care/Nursing Homes based in Brighton and Hove could also be helpful to neighbours in Round Hill and could be shared through the Support page.

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Participate in skipping, 5-a-side football, climbing, cycling, volleyball and more.

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Do you know anyone with letters, photos or film of the Level? If you have anything that we might use for an exhibition, or to add to our historical records, please bring them along for scanning or photographing to one of the events that will be advertised locally shortly. You can also join our mailing list to be kept up to date. Contact us, adding the words 'memory days', by email [parksprojects@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:parksprojects@brighton-hove.gov.uk), or call 01273 292929.

# Round Hill Reading Group

The Round Hill Reading Group has been meeting regularly for about seven years. Over that time there have been many membership changes; people move away or commitments change. There are normally 6 -8 of us who meet in our homes each month taking it in turn to host the evening and choose the book to read and discuss.

Over the last years we have read a wide selection of novels ranging from the classics such as Flaubert's *Madame Bovary* to the very recent. Local author Sue Eckstein came to discuss her newly published second novel *Interpreters* with us at a recent group gathering. This book interweaves a number of themes – the nature of identity, the meaning of family and how the past affects the present. This was one book we could all recommend.

After reading *1000 Autumns of Jacob de Zoet* by David Mitchell, we went to the Ropetackle Centre to hear him talk about his work and the process of writing, and read extracts from work in progress. Following a book signing, Inge Sweetman from City Books, who organized the event, kindly took a picture of us with him.

I have often been asked why I would want to read a book that has been someone else's choice. The group has introduced me to authors and styles of novel I may not have selected myself, so has therefore widened my range of reading. And it is an informal gathering, if one of us does not like a book, they are free to say so.

At the moment we do not have any vacancies, but when we do, we mention it in the Round Hill Reporter which is how I got involved 3 years ago.

Jackie Jones.

## Roundhill Rewind *Local Bands at the Gladstone*

A poor turnout for two excellent bands. Here are Bob Wants His Head Back giving it their all. After a brief interval Dr Scardo took to the stage like it was Wembley. A great night performed for too few people.



At the Ropetackle with David Mitchell

Round Hill Reading Group with Sue Eckstein





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