



# The Round Hill Reporter

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## Round Hill Society AGM

*Tuesday 20 Sept at 7.30pm at  
the Roundhill Tavern*



Attendance at our Annual meetings has been falling over recent years, and the cost of hiring the hall at Downs Infants School has been rising, so we are trying something different this year.

The meeting will take place upstairs at the recently refurbished Round Hill Tavern at 7.30pm.

They have a good choice of beers, an excellent wine list, and hopefully will have some interesting nibbles for us.

There is room for 30 people to sit, and the formal business of reporting the year's

activities and electing a new committee will be dealt with briskly so that we can be entertained by witty songs and classic covers of local trio Cocktail Party.

If you'd like to be part of the Round Hill Society committee we would be delighted to hear from you before the meeting, just contact one of the existing committee, listed on the back of this issue.

It seems that Mayo Court residents are setting up an association, and we hope to welcome Deborah French from Mayo Court onto our committee.

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# Round Hill Open Gardens

*Three gardens opened for visitors on 31<sup>st</sup> July*

**1 Belton Close** (Steve Bustin and John Williams), **85 Princes Crescent** (George Coleby) and **118 Richmond Road** (Vicky Sharman and John Bridger) all opened at noon on Sunday for a combined admission of just £3.

They were very busy, there was queuing to get up and down the steps in George's steep and delightful garden, and traffic jams in Vicky's garden room, as people stopped to browse the secondhand book

shelf and look at the aerial photograph, see page 6.

Meanwhile at Steve and John's there was no time to talk to all the visitors, but that didn't matter, as visitors were soon discussing the possible identities of some of the more exotic flowers and tomatoes.

Cakes and tea added to the bustle in Belton Close, and contributed to the sum well in excess of £1000 raised by all three gardens on the day.

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# More Parking in Round Hill

*Or just on the border*

Notices have appeared on lamp posts announcing the Council's intention to remove the single yellow line between the two ends of Round Hill Crescent on the north side of Upper Lewes Road.

At the moment parking is banned there between 8am and 6pm during the week, so this change will create more long-term

parking for big vans that lost out when controlled parking appeared at the Level and the Viaduct Rise area. It will also mean people living on the Upper Lewes Road might be able to park outside their homes whenever they like, which should take a little pressure off the Scottish streets and Round Hill Crescent/D'Aubigny Road.

## Lewes Road Improvements

*£6m to spend on changes*

The City Council has won £4m from the government's Local Sustainable Transport Fund. A further £2m will come from the Council and other partners (rail and bus companies, the universities and NHS Trust) all to be spent reducing air pollution and encouraging use of bike, bus and trains, and improving access to the South Downs National Park.

I see that the Footy Club are applying for over 1000 space car-parking beside the stadium – perhaps it could double up as a car-train interchange to reduce the number of commuters driving through the Lewes Road on their way into the city?

There could be a great cycle and pedestrian route to Falmer running away from the main road, up Popes Folly, behind B&Q etc, across the old barracks and behind Watts and Cockroft at Brighton Uni, into the Bates Estate and through a new small tunnel under the railway embankment into Wild Park. Quieter, cleaner and fresher than walking/cycling beside the dirty and noisy traffic.

## Time for a Drink?



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# Street Party

*Wet again, and cold*

The 12<sup>th</sup> of June was not a good day for an outdoor event, but we went ahead anyway, at least partly because Steve Rimmington sponsored us to the cost of a fine marquee which offered some acts shelter, and respite for those watching the bands perform in an open fronted shelter adjacent.

Without the music there would have been little reason to continue, and when water got into the electrics at about 7pm we had to call an end to the day.



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Here is Silver Sounds samba and Circus Skills Rob making the most of the Marquee early in the afternoon.

Sadly the wind and rain spoilt the designs created by children working with our local street-art expert, Tod McIntyre, and there was no time to get them onto the big display board we had prepared.

Somebody Tweeted that they were at the street party and it was like being at sea in a gale, with the sails flapping loudly.

A plant sale raised £35 and those stall-holders who set up and stayed contributed nearly £50, suggesting they took about £500, and the bar took nearly £350, so there were people about

Thanks to the generosity of the Council grant, and the sponsorship from local businesses Magnetic Events and D'Aubigny Fusions we broke even.



Laughing in the rain on the plant stall



## Christmas IS Coming

*So buy some of our Round Hill Cards*



In glorious colour, each card is 10.5cm by 15cm, and comes complete with envelope. They cost just £5 for ten cards (five of each design).

There is no message inside so you could use them for any occasion.

Call me and I will deliver to your door, or you can arrange to collect them from me. Any surplus over printing costs will go into Round Hill Society funds for future events. Rob Stephenson

## Aerial View of Round Hill

*Black and white, possibly mid 1970s, and you can have a copy for free*



John and Vicky have this photograph in their garden room, and they have agreed to make it freely available to all of us. I have a 2MB file which gives a print at 200dpi about 25cm wide, and I can send it to you on request.

You will see that it does not cover all of Round Hill, stopping in the west at Crescent Road.

Note that the viaduct is in place up to the Lewes Road, and by sheer good fortune you can see what that looked like at ground level on the next page, with a modern shot for comparison.



The area dedicated to traffic has increased enormously. The viaduct and Cox's Pill Factory have gone creating room for more road and Sainsbury's, with its arch motif, to hark back to the viaduct it replaced.

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### Where to go and what to do:

The excellent poets Ian Macmillan and David Rovics are on at the Ropetackle in Shoreham with host Atila the Stockbroker, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 8pm, £10.

'John Piper in Sussex and Kent' is a very engaging exhibition of the varied works undertaken by Piper in the SE. Beautiful paintings of Dungeness churches, designs for tapestries, drawings of bomb damaged buildings and early naïve style seaside paintings will keep you there for a couple of hours (take a break for panini and glass of wine on the terrace café). Eastbourne's Towner Gallery £5.50/£4 until 25 September.

Bombane's Food and Film Nights, 24 George St Brighton, £5.55. 14 Sept 'Some Like it Hot', 21<sup>st</sup> 'The Apartment', 28<sup>th</sup> 'Irma la Douce'. Book on 606400.

# Surveying Round Hill

## *Evidence of the Ordnance Survey*

When the Ordnance Survey (OS) was charged with creating accurate and detailed maps of Britain they embarked on a huge process, and parts of it can still be found in our streets today.

Basic mapping involves getting the outline right, and getting the heights right. The heights are all above mean sea level at Newlyn in Cornwall, where the height of the sea was measured every hour, every day between 1915 and 1922. The average of these readings is mean sea level, and is zero altitude on OS maps. The survey of Britain established 190 fundamental benchmarks, where the exact position and altitude is known. These are still the basis for mapping today, and are regularly used by the OS. In the process of mapping the rest of the country over half a million lower grade benchmarks were created for filling in the details of local maps and plans. These have not been in use for 30 years or more now, since aerial photography, satellite imagery and GPS have taken over, but there are several on the streets nearby.

There are 8 in or near Round Hill, one of the best being outside 4 D'Aubigny Road, where the horizontal line above the arrow is exactly 35.46m above mean sea level.



Meanwhile, at the top of the hill, there is

another where Princes Crescent meets Ditchling Road - its horizontal line is at 53.79m above sea level, and on the sandstone step at 88 Lewes Road there is a horizontal benchmark where a spot marks 22.36m above sea level.



Others can be found where Florence Road meets Ditchling Road (60.16m), where Princes Crescent becomes Richmond Road (54.5m), where Mayo and Richmond roads meet (51.43m), on the NW corner of Viaduct and Ditchling roads (28.13m) and on a kerbstone where St Mary Mag Street meets the Lewes Road (19.79m).

### **BRIGHTON EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL @ ST BARTS**

**Sacred Hearts and Secret Music** – music drama based on Sarah Dunant's novel. Gripping story, powerful emotions, evocative and haunting chants. 'Piercingly ethereal raptures, exquisitely sung' The Vancouver Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 7.30pm £17.

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