



# The Round Hill Reporter

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## Bring us Sunshine - please

*Planning a Round Hill Summer picnic for a Sunday afternoon in June*

We are in the early stages of planning a Round Hill Summer Picnic! Ideas are just at the outline stage and before we go much further we are keen to build in residents' ideas and contributions to the event. Our thoughts so far are set out below. Please let know your ideas and whether you can help.

**Timing:** Sunday afternoon of either 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> June 1.00 – 4.30

**Location:** the short stretch of Richmond Rd between the top of Ashdown and Mayo Roads (we'll need to get permission to close the road and hope near neighbours will support our application and maybe one or two would help out with power on the day)

**Theme: Homemade & home-grown:** The focus will be a 'decorated village grass square' and everyone will be encouraged to bring picnic food to share with neighbours. Garden chairs, tables and sun shades will be welcomed. Tea and squash will be provided (bring your own stronger stuff if you want). Residents (including children) who want to set up market stalls selling or swapping home-grown or homemade stuff (plants, seeds, jam, cakes etc) will be welcome.

**Activities:** Children's games and performers (music, story tellers etc) with an emphasis on getting to know your neighbours

**Covering costs:** we'll keep costs as low as possible, but will need to cover the costs of insurance, road closure etc so we plan to charge stall holders a small amount and run a raffle – other ideas very welcome.

Send suggestions and offers of help to Annie at [amccabebrighton@gmail.com](mailto:amccabebrighton@gmail.com) or talk to any committee member. Fingers crossed for good a good summer.

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## Macmillan Cancer Support is excited to announce that the pilot service has now been launched in Brighton and Hove

Team Up is about the little things that add up to making a big difference to people affected by cancer in your local community. Team Up is seeking volunteers.

The Team Up website (<http://www.goteamup.org.uk/>) connects people affected by cancer and their carers who need a hand around the house from time to time with local people with a bit of spare time to lend a hand. Tasks take between five minutes and one hour, and there's no expectation of a regular commitment. Tasks include light housework, ironing, shopping, delivery and collection, company to walk or cycle and light gardening.

## Love Round Hill window stickers still available



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The spring bulbs that were planted as part of the autumn clean up under the newish trees along Richmond Rd and at the junction of Mayo/Richmond Roads are now growing happily despite the poor soil.

Perhaps it's worth reminding people, maybe new to the area, that recycling boxes should be put out the night before the collection, and taken in again afterwards. Plastic bottles – with tops removed so that they crush, paper and A4 size cardboard, steel food cans and aluminium drink cans all are collected for recycling. Remember that glass bottles and jars must be in a separate box.

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## History from a House

When I came to live in Brighton in 2001 I joined the Round Hill Society, which was, at the time, researching the Round Hill area as material for a book which became 'Rose Hill to Round Hill – a Brighton Community'.

The Upper Lewes Road was one objective, and I became fascinated by the names of the people who had lived there. When the project was completed I decided to research the house in Round Hill Crescent in which I had just bought a flat.

Apparently it was first owned by a Henry Baker Colbran, a coal merchant and builder from Kemp Town. He was born in 1799 or 1800, and it appears that he moved to Round Hill to find work on the new railway being built in the Round Hill area in the 1840s and 1850s.

By 1851 he was married to his first wife, Jane, and

They had three servants at home and Henry was employing eight men in his businesses.

By the time of the 1856 census he was an estate agent, and by 1859 a surveyor as well.

His address was 4 Round Hill Crescent at that time, but the numbering changed as more houses were built, so the same house is now number three.

The 1861 census tells us that he had a new wife, Diana, and three sons – Henry, John and Thomas. A fourth, Philip, was born in 1862. By then he was Surveyor to the Conservative Land Society – a move up in the world?

He bought Lot 2 in the Upper Lewes Road from the Reverend T Martyn and Lot 1 from J C Webb. These lots were originally called 1 and 2 Round Hill Crescent, and included the gardens. How deeply he was involved as surveyor for other houses in Round Hill Crescent it has not been possible to find out, even with the assistance of Roger Barker.

Henry Baker Colbran died in 1871, aged 71, leaving a third wife Caroline, aged 20. This third marriage, I think, may have been due to the Married Women's Property Act of 1870. Just two years later Caroline married Henry's eldest son, also Henry.

I would be fascinated to know if anyone knows more of the Colbran family (Colbran with an **a**, not an **o**), as he sounds such an interesting man who started his working life as a coal merchant and ended his days owning 3 Round Hill Crescent, 24 and 25 Upper Lewes Road and £20 15s 8d.

Ann Stutfield



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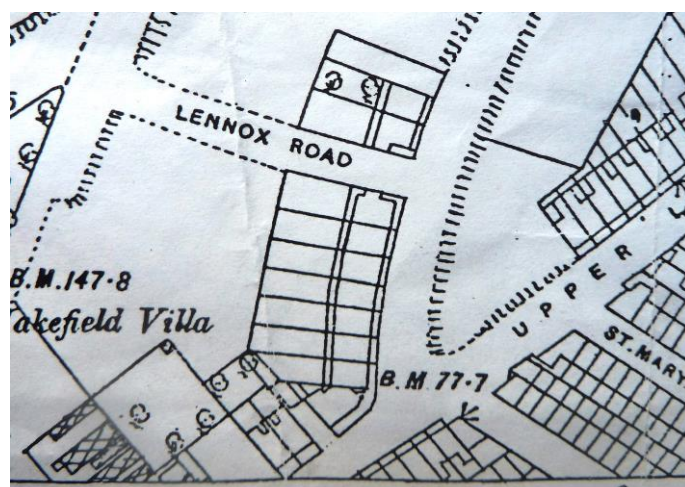
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# Richmond, d'Aubigny and Lennox Roads

Royalty do things on a differently to the rest of us. When Charles II had a son by Lady Louise de Penancoet de Keroualle he was not her husband. But illegitimacy should not be a barrier to the future prosperity of a son of the king, so Charles granted him an English dukedom (Richmond) and a Scottish one (Lennox). The second Duke of Richmond was born on the English estate (Goodwood, near Chichester) and also received a third dukedom – in France this time – Duc d'Aubigny.

All this was way back in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century, and Round Hill was just open fields then.



View of Brighton 1819, drawn by J Cordwell, engraved by D Howell August. This field of wheat is Round Hill.

But the 4<sup>th</sup> Duke had 14 children, 8 of them male. They couldn't all take over the family estates, so the second son – Lord John George Lennox – became an MP, initially for Chichester, then Sussex and later West Sussex, spanning the years 1819 to 1841. This must have had him moving about more, and gave him a better Brighton connection. He had 4 children including two sons, who became Major General Frederick Francis Lennox who married twice and had seven children. His younger brother rose higher in the army, but more importantly for this story is buried in Woodvale cemetery. He was General Sir Wilbraham Oates Lennox. Born at Goodwood in 1830, lived at East Pallant House, Chichester where he was a Justice of the Peace

He also had a military career with the Royal Engineers, and won the Victoria Cross at Sevastopol during the Crimean War. He fought all over Europe between 1854 and 1877, married twice and had seven children. He died in London in 1897. So why is he buried in Brighton?



General Sir Wilbraham Oates Lennox VC KCB RE (from a portrait in the Royal Engineers Museum).

Whatever the reason, the developers of Round Hill saw a sufficient connection to the Lennox family to plan roads here named after their three principal estates – Richmond, Lennox and D'Aubigny.

You may have missed Lennox Road, but not if you have read the story on page 4, where it is shown on the map – planned, but never built. The Victoria Cross Trust is trying to raise £25k to restore the family grave. The Trust observes that the present Duke is unaware of the family connection, and no offer of financial assistance has been forthcoming.



The Lennox Family plot at Woodvale cemetery.



# 'On the Road' to 'A Room with a View'

*A Journey with a Book Group*

I have belonged to the 'Roundhill Readers' Book Group for a spell-binding ten years and I am not the longest serving! It has been such an enlightening, surprising and agreeable journey that I just want to keep 'On the Road'.

We meet every month at a different member's home to discuss a book, taking turns to select reading material. This could be almost any type of literature or non-fiction book. We take decisions democratically rather than have one person leading the group.

From time to time we have had local authors visiting us to answer our questions and speak about their motivation. There has also been an occasional trip to a book launch.

Amongst our latest books have been 'Stories of Eva Luna' by Isabel Allende. These compelling short stories describe people's lives amidst the towns and countryside of South America. It is an emotional rollercoaster, sometimes tender, sometimes brutal, giving you an insight into Allende's attachment to Chile.

John Williams 'Stoner', which is Waterstones Book of the Year, was appreciated by everyone. It was published in 1965 but has only recently taken off. It follows the life story of a farmer's boy who becomes a University Professor yet he remains unfulfilled in his life. Here are themes of love, duty and compromise. Our current book is 'Hard Times' by Dickens as we like to have a classic every now and then.



Through reading books and debating them in convivial company, I have almost made up for my lack of reading when I was younger. What could be better than sitting in 'A Room with a View' contemplating other people's journeys through life?

NB 'On the Road' by Jack Kerouac and 'A Room with a View' by E M Forster are two more of the books we read this year.

Many local residents know Yvonne, and some may be wondering where she has gone. For your benefit, and hers if you choose to get in touch or visit her, here is her current address:

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*24<sup>th</sup> February to the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2014*

With Fairtrade Fortnight upon us we look at fair trade in Brighton and Hove and why we should buy fair traded goods.

Fair trade provides an income to people living in absolute poverty helping them to improve the quality of their lives, allowing them to take more control over their future and breaking the cycle of poverty. It is so important to buy locally to support our own economy but a number of products such as cocoa and cotton must be imported and instead of these being sourced from companies taking advantage of the extreme level of poverty in developing economies, fair trade ensures that the makers earn a fair wage and also get access to medicine and education - things we so often take for granted here in the UK. Another less known aspect of fair trade is the principle to respect the environment. It often uses very low carbon footprint production techniques and more sustainable fabrics such as organic cotton, which uses less water when it is grown.

Brighton and Hove is home to some wonderful local businesses that source good quality fair traded products. FAIR ([www.thefairshop.co.uk](http://www.thefairshop.co.uk)) is located at 21 Queens Road in Brighton and sells a number of leading Fair Trade clothing and accessory brands such as People Tree and Komodo as well as supporting local Fair Trade brands. Love That Stuff ([www.lovetthatstuff.co.uk](http://www.lovetthatstuff.co.uk)) is located in Brighton Marina and sells clothing, home wares and gifts from all over the developing world. Local online shops include:

[www.veleco.cc](http://www.veleco.cc) – cyclewear, [www.fairlycovered.com](http://www.fairlycovered.com) - handloomed duvet covers, [www.believeyoucan.com](http://www.believeyoucan.com) - a beautiful children's range, [www.paperhigh.com](http://www.paperhigh.com) - handmade papers and gifts, [www.hisbe.co.uk](http://www.hisbe.co.uk) - food and wine.

Find out more about Fair Trade at the following events:

Tuesday 11th March Martlets Hall, Burgess Hill - Sophi Tranchell MBE, Managing Director of Divine Chocolate Ltd, the innovative Fairtrade company co-owned by cocoa farmers. As well as growing a popular chocolate brand, for 13 years she has campaigned energetically for the terms of trade for small scale producers to change, and promoted more socially responsible business models

Thursday 13th March FAIR 21 Queens Road, Brighton 6:30pm - Discussion with Christine Gent. Consultant to People Tree on fair trade supply chains, Christine has worked with numerous pioneering Fair Trade companies and organisations such as the Body Shop, Traidcraft, the World Fair Trade Organisation and Pachacuti. Also, director of her own company Fairly Covered, Christine will discuss what a "fair price" really means to women in developing countries. Ask questions about Fair Trade and hear how it impacts the lives of the makers.

Siobhan Wilson - Brighton and Hove Fair Trade Steering Group

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The Round Hill Reporter is published by the Round Hill Society to keep residents in the area in touch with local news, events and each other. We try to present a fair and balanced view but the opinions expressed in this paper are not necessarily shared by all.

Letters or ideas for articles are welcome – please contact the editor at the address shown above.

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