



The Round Hill Reporter

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Round Hill Garden Party

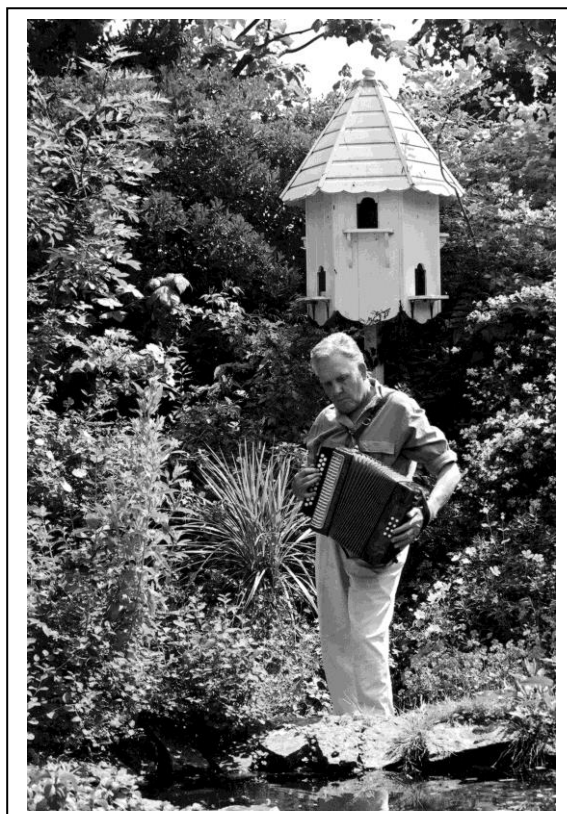
2pm to 5pm on Sunday 3rd July at 58 Richmond Road

The delightful, secret and large gardens of Jan and Derick Curry will be open for all to explore and picnic in this summer on the 3rd of July. We hope to have musicians playing around the garden. If you have not visited this garden you are in for a real treat. It occupies a strip of land behind 23 houses in Richmond Road and 17 houses in Round Hill Crescent, and has been turned from a junkyard wilderness into a National Wildlife Award winning garden by years of hard work. Bring your own picnic, or at least a sandwich and a bottle of wine, and come along to explore the space and talk to some of your neighbours. If you prefer to drink tea, then it will be available as will cakes, for a small consideration.

Jan Curry suggests that you may like to bring a chair, if 'the ground seems to be a long way away', but there will be some, so you could risk it and arrive early! Children are welcome provided they have an adult with them, but everyone should be aware that this garden is for wildlife more than people, so there are thorny plants, some with poisonous berries, and some deep pools and lots of uneven surfaces. Please wear flat shoes and don't run. If you have one, please leave your dog at home.

We expect to greet the new Mayor of Brighton and Hove, who is also our local councillor, Pete West, at about 3pm.

Derick Curry playing his piano accordion in the garden, is above right.



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New Noticeboard in North Round Hill

Thanks to the generosity of Jig Agnihotri of Red, White, Rose – the off-licence on the corner of Ditchling Road and Princes Road – we now have our second Round Hill Society noticeboard up and running.

Ted Power installed the first notices, and reported that he gathered a lot of interest from passers-by as he did it. It should be a good location, near a popular shop and on the main route for many parents taking children to and from the Downs Infant School. Bottom right below.



Newly planted tub in Round Hill Crescent

This new selection of plants is largely edible! Broad beans and a miniature pumpkin, some raspberries, beetroot and lettuce, plus rosemary and sage and some sweet peas. Our thanks go to Ruth of Round Hill Crescent for putting this one together. All the many bulbs which were in the planter are being stored and will go back after this lot have finished.



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Dig in at Pavilions

Under a grey sky but fairly warm Saturday morning in mid May, staff and clients from Pavilions (the Drug & Alcohol service based in Richmond House) together with Round Hill residents (totalling more than 15) came armed with spades, forks and a lot of good humour to start phase one of a new community gardening project. The aim was to clear and prepare the flower beds in front and to the side of Richmond House ready for planting with herbs, vegetables and flowers.

Most people worked together in small teams to remove piles of building debris and huge clumps of deep rooted weeds while others provided refreshments including fabulous home made cakes. At the end of three hours hard work the beds were cleared, over £65 had been raised through the sale of cakes (often to passers by on their way to the shops as well as our local postmen) and a large pile of green waste and bags of rubble were ready for removal by City Clean who had offered their support. It was a successful morning all round, a great sense of achievement as well as positive relationships developing between residents and some of the staff and clients from Pavilions.

Phase two will be to improve the soil and add compost ready for planting. A small group has already met with Veolia with very positive possibilities being actively discussed to ensure this happens very soon. Phase three will be for Pavilions' client group to decide on what planting they want. There is also the possibility later in the summer of clearing a small woodland area of rubbish and creating a staff/client outside area on the north east side of Richmond House.





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If you would like to be involved details of future gardening sessions will be advertised on our website, on our community noticeboards and via twitter and email. You don't have to be green fingered, just enthusiastic!



You may know that Richmond House was built for the Cox family – they of Pill Factory fame, who had the factory where Sainsburys now stands – but maybe you haven't seen a photograph from 1962 showing the platforms of the old Lewes Road railway station beside Richmond House. Have a look on page 7 to see how the station was once just at the back of Richmond House, and a view of the viaduct crossing the Lewes Road.

Left: Georgia (Pavilions) and Henry (RHS) finally remove a stump from one of the beds.
Above: more volunteers work on the front bed.

Gardening with Sainsbury's *Spreading Biodiversity across the City*

Four members of the Round Hill Society recently had a meeting with Chris Sharp, manager of Sainsbury's at the gyratory, and Richard from the Triangle community group beside the three planters outside the store. Chris seemed most concerned about thick vegetation offering shelter for vermin, and Richard was especially keen to see these beds being part of a series of natural habitats spreading across the city, so we concentrated on suggesting low height plants, perhaps planted as seeds (to avoid a perceived threat of plant theft) in low nutrient status soil to reduce rapid and leafy growth.

In addition we talked of installing bird boxes both in the cherry trees and perhaps on the main building, in the ivy.

Sainsbury's staff have found needles dropped on the beds, and there has been copious litter including broken glass, so we will need to be careful when working on the site. Sainsbury's will start by using



Richard (Triangle), Annie (RHS) and Chris (Sainsbury's) discuss options their contract gardeners to clean the sites, and the Council have offered to be present to collect and take any needles found.

We hope to firm up the plans, taking advice on an appropriate species mix for these shady spaces from local wildlife organisations.



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Patchfest

Saturday 16th July 1pm to 9pm

Elsewhere in this newsletter there is mention of the Kemp Town branch line – and the community park known as the Patch is built on part of that line on the other side of the Lewes Road. Every year they hold a great festival there, usually with two stages for local bands to perform, and a beer tent as well as food stands and stalls from lots of local groups and interests.

The event is run by volunteers, the Friends of William Clarke Park (proper name for the Patch) and entry is free but a donation of £2 is hoped for.

You can get into the Patch from a footpath up Hartington Road (on the right just after a residential home for the elderly) or by going up Franklin Road and turning left into either Franklin Street or Picton Street a little further up the hill.

Just after 6pm this year a five piece Round Hill band will be on stage. They are Fresh School Buddha, and have a Facebook page of the same name, and an album called Cabin Time due out soon. They have a female singer and a male rapper, who raps in both English and Xhosa (a South African language).

The Long Wall

Plans for improvement

Now this is not a clear-cut issue, indeed what to do, or not to do, about this wall at the west end of Upper Lewes Road and running up Wakefield Road is fraught with conflicting views.

It is certainly illegal to paint on someone else's wall without their permission - it constitutes criminal damage. But it is becoming the norm to feel free to paint on what is perceived as an un-owned wall, and certainly changing this wall from tagged and spray-painted to magnolia is providing a new canvas for people holding that view.

Whilst we painted it on Saturday 21st May the most common remark I heard was essentially: "Why bother, they'll only do it again?" The first tagging happened just 45 minutes after we left, and by midnight on Saturday a guy was busy putting up his complex mark on the wall. Both these additions were over-painted on Sunday morning.

The three local associations of residents have all agreed that a long-term solution is needed, and we think a combination of commissioned artwork and self-clinging plants might be that solution. We are looking for artists who might undertake commissions. What kind of artwork? Perhaps it should be naturalistic in colour and design, perhaps reflecting the qualities of the three residential areas (Triangle, Round Hill and Sylvan Hall) or some aspect of their histories.

As for self-clinging plants, you can see the exact effect on the western boundary wall of Buckingham Palace gardens, near Victoria Station. There is a four inch strip of soil at the foot of the wall from which a variety of climbing plants are growing. We would undertake to trim the plants back so that they do not interfere with pedestrian use of the pavement.

Perhaps the people with the greatest right to have their views heard are those who live opposite the wall, who live with the wall most of the time. We are still hoping to engage with more residents, and perhaps this item will encourage further



A parody of our original invitation to come along and help with the over-painting is reproduced below. It may indicate the strength of at least one persons feelings.

Community book burning this weekend

Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 May

Brighton and Hove City Council is donating lots of petrol to the local community for us to distort freedom of expression and destroy socialist propaganda. Come join in and meet your neighbours!

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Weekend and evening appointments by arrangement



Home Energy Research in Round Hill

With the Dept. of Building Surveying, Brighton University

Homes on Round Hill come in all shapes and size, and in a wide range of levels of energy efficiency. Some people have spent heavily on insulation, perhaps in order to make the most of solar panels on their roof. Others rent and have no economic incentive, nor the right to make significant changes to the thermal efficiency of their home. Most homes lie between the two.

The University needs real-world contexts for teaching, and we can perhaps offer one, and learn how we might best improve our homes and lower our bills. Even landlords can benefit, now that promised legislation will require all rented homes to achieve a minimum energy performance standard by April 2018. We hope to identify a number of homes which will accept questionnaires and may even have some temperature monitoring kit installed for a while. These homes will then be filmed from the outside using thermal imaging cameras so that weak spots can be identified, and suggestions for improvements made. This will happen in early winter.

If you might be interested please contact Rob Stephenson – details on back page.

Round Hill crime statistics

For the three months February, March and April of this year a total of eight crimes were reported, and none of them in April.

13th February – five cars had tyres slashed on Princes Crescent.

5th March – Criminal damage to a motorcycle on the Upper Lewes Rd.

5th March – Burglary to a flat at 6 D'Aubigny Road.

9th March – Motorcycle stolen from Round Hill Crescent.

18th March – Wing mirror broken from car in Princes Crescent.

19th March – Unlocked bike stolen from front garden in Richmond Road.

23rd March – Motorcycle stolen from Princes Crescent.

31st March – Driver's window broken and cash stolen from a car in Round Hill Crescent.



Pavilions warmly invite all residents of Round Hill to visit them at Richmond House on their

OPEN DAY

Wednesday 15th June 4pm to 7pm

Meet the volunteers, peer mentors and staff whilst touring the new and integrated drug and alcohol service for Brighton and Hove.

Opportunities to attend workshops to learn more about the service

Tea Coffee Plenty of Cake

Refuse & Recycling Box use

If you've been here a while you'll know this, but many are new to Round Hill every year.

Tuesdays are refuse collection days on Round Hill except on the Upper Lewes Road where each and every one of us is responsible for taking our bags of refuse and depositing them in the big black bins set along the north side of the road.

Recycling is also Tuesdays, but alternate weeks:

June 14th and 28th, July 12th and 26th and August 9th and 23rd.

Put your black boxes out the night before these dates, and please take them off the pavements after. You will need one box for glass bottles and jars, and another for plastic bottles (tops removed), newspapers and magazines and other clean paper and card (A4 maximum size please), food and drink cans and aerosol cans.

Lewes Road Railway Station in 1962



The picture above shows the platforms of the long gone station just beside the building which now houses Pavilions (Richmond House, at the bottom of Richmond Road). In the centre you can see the beginning of the viaduct as it heads across the Lewes Road (just to the south of the buildings on the Gyratory) on its way to Hartington Road Halt and the tunnel under Elm Grove School. Trains came out of the tunnel just to the east of Queens Park, into the Kemp Town goods yard and station where the Freshfield industrial estate is now.

Below the viaduct crosses the Lewes Road. The Nestles Milk advert is at the bottom of Bear Road, and the view is looking into town. The buildings on the right are where the Gyratory now stands. The castellated tower once formed the grand entrance to the Extra-mural cemetery.

The Kemp Town branch was opened in 1869 in order to stop a rival railway company building a London-Lewes-Kemp Town line. The Lewes Rd station opened in 1873, offering half-hourly services to Kemp Town and Brighton mainline stations. It closed to passengers in 1933 but goods trains used it until 1971. 1983 saw the last of the viaduct come down.





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Smell problems – Environment Agency 0800 807060

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Revised PlaySafe Dates

Following a successful Playsafe event in May (see picture left for two of 15 children who attended) we have to cancel the event planned for 26th June because so many of your committee have other commitments then. The remaining dates are:

Sunday 17th July
Sunday 18th September
Sunday 30th October

Mayo Road is the location, 3 to 5pm the time. All Round Hill residents are welcome, not just the kids!! We will be seeking support for these sessions to help make them a success so please contact Kate (see above for contact details) if you can offer even half an hour. Thank you to all the residents of Mayo Road and surrounding streets for supporting these events and the associated road closure. They are a great opportunity for kids to play out safely and for adults to catch up with friends and neighbours. Tea and cake will be available.

Police Contact Nos.

Emergencies

Call 999 if:

- A crime is being committed now, or
- The offender is still there or nearby, or
- People are injured or in danger.

Non-emergencies

Call 101 if:

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- You have a question

You can also report a crime or incident online:-

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Please make a point of reporting incidents to Bonnie or the 101line as it aids police planning.

Alternatively, for non-emergencies, contact Bonnie on **07912 897 134** or e-mail andree.scovell@sussex.pnn.police.uk. "I would encourage residents to make me aware of any suspicious behavior in the Round Hill area. If you have a question or need any advice then please call me and I will do my best to help." **Bonnie Scovell, Community Police Support Officer**

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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