



The Round Hill Reporter

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Singing the Streets

20th December from 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Once again there will be music on the streets of Round Hill when a band of locals set out to sing seasonal songs under assorted lampposts all along Round Hill Crescent, up D'Aubigny Road and Richmond Road, right into Mayo Road and up the mountain that is Princes Road.

Having crested Princes Road we will move south down Crescent Road and along part of Princes Crescent before stopping at number 77 for mulled wine and mince pies.

You would be most welcome to join us. Bring your voice, your children, perhaps a lantern or torch, even an instrument to play. We will provide song sheets, and refreshments at the end.

Santa should be with us, knocking on doors and rattling his collection bucket. We will be collecting for charity again, last year we raised over £200.

Stefan Holmstrom



If you'd like to join in, with friends and family, with instruments and lanterns, but most of all with voices, meet up at the bottom of the cat creep, at the west end of Round Hill Crescent, at 6.30pm on Monday 20th of December.

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Street Party 1, Weather 0

Despite showers the party was successful

Our fifth street party took place on 11th September. Despite frequent squalls of rain people turned out to set up their stalls, to try keeping a hulla hoop up, to join in juggling lessons, even to throw themselves around on a wet bouncy castle.

Stallholders raised money for charities, offered advice on cycle maintenance, sold locally produced books, local honey, teas and cakes. Many took the opportunity to sell on unwanted toys, DVDs, books and bric-a-brac. Some seemed to take home more than they disposed of.

If you missed the Eco Guide to Sussex on the day it is available in the following places: Living at Fiveways, Fiveways Arts and Crafts, Waterstones, City Books, Eco Logic Cool, Retail Therapy, and Kemptown Bookshops. It is also available online via Amazon or www.pegasaurusbooks.co.uk for £12.99

The caterers set up early and departed, leaving their hog to roast in its enclosed gas fired oven. They returned with choices of curries and other edibles in time for the 2pm start.

The bar proved popular from the outset, and it was hard to tell whether Harvay's Best or Dark Star's Hophead was the more favoured, but all 18 gallons sold. Twice expeditions were mounted to bring bottled beers from Sainsbury's.

Despite a collection of minor hitches we had music from about four until after ten. The Beatles tribute band, Day Trippers, took some of us further back than we might have wished, and Shenanigans provided a mix of Irish music and pop classics. An acoustic trio, Cocktail Party, sang some very witty songs including one about an obituary writer. Cocktail Party is fronted by singer, songwriter, guitarist and Round Hill resident Michael Coates.

There is another chance to enjoy Cocktail Party at the Open House in Springfield Road on Saturday the 12th February, in the evening.

The music culminated with another local act, The Blue Drops, a duo who made use of pre-recorded backing tracks which gave them a much bigger

presence. Some of the audience were moved to dance, and some air guitar was spotted.

You can get a feel of the whole event, from planning to finish, in a six minute video which combines vox-pop interviews made by Round Hill resident and sometime Radio Reverb reporter John Thursfield with video footage from committee member Ted Power and stills by ex-committee member David Guest.

See it at
<http://www.roundhill.org.uk/rhstreetparty.wmv>

Circus Skills session provided by H2O!



Round Hill Greetings Cards

A winter scene but suits any occasion – get them now!

During the big snow event in December 2009 local resident Adrian Powter went out early with his camera and took some great shots of parts of Round Hill. He gave us permission to use two of them as greetings cards.

If you like the images, and they are much better printed in full colour on A6 cards, then please buy a set. They are just £5 for ten cards - five of each image - and 10 envelopes.

There is no message in the card so you can use them at any time of year, for any occasion. Why not buy two packs?



Phone or e-mail me, Rob Stephenson, and I will bring them to you at an agreed time. Phone number on the back of this Reporter, e-mail: rob.stephenson51@gmail.com.

Sainsbury's application rejected

and planners urge them to work with residents

Residents on the east side of D'Aubigny Road have suffered excess noise from loading and unloading at Sainsbury's for a long time, so they were not happy that the supermarket had applied to extend the delivery and loading times right through the week.

We took our concerns to Cllr Pete West, and when the application came to the planning committee both he and Annie Rimington – D'Aubigny Road resident and RHS committee member – spoke against the application.

The planning committee turned down the

application and went a big step further by asking Sainsbury's to work with the local residents towards a better way of operating which will cause less disturbance.

Annie has written to Sainsbury's asking them to meet with us and a Councillor to discuss ways forward.

Another issue arose during the discussions – some residents in Round Hill Crescent are suffering late night noise from skateboarders using the carpark at Sainsbury's since the management stopped locking the gates at night.

Report of the Society's AGM

Brisk business, good speakers plus our MP dropped in

David Guest, long-time newsletter editor and website person, and Mandy Jones, left the committee; but we gained Emma Daniel who has lived in D'Aubigny Road for 3 years.

Kevin Tansley presented our accounts, noting that as well as £1500 grant from the City Council we also received £750 in total from two local businesses towards the street party.

Jean Brennan, chair, introduced us to our new Police Community Support Officer, Bonnie Scovell. Bonnie told us she is a Brightonian, and was once a pupil at Downs. Although her patch is much bigger than just Round Hill she will be around and urged us to say hello if we see her. If you have an issue to raise with her, the best way is by e-mail:-

Andrea.scovell@sussex.pnn.police.uk

Then Alicia Peck from The Energy Saving Trust, Geoff Bernard from Steyning 10:10 and Will Cottrell from Brighton Energy Co-op gave a brilliantly linked talk, even though they'd not met before, on energy conservation in the home with special reference to installing Photo-Voltaic (PV) roof panels.

The messages I got from the speakers were that PV is a good thing if you have enough south or south-ish facing roof and you've insulated and draftproofed your home, but you will need about £10k. They are also good for your pocket, you can get about 7% return on your £10k for the next 25 years, and your electric bills will fall.

If you don't have spare savings but would like to invest a small sum in PV, for the environment and your wallet, then join Brighton Energy Co-op. They plan to install a big array of PV in Brighton, and members of their co-op will be able to buy shares. Join today, on-line, for just £1.

Join at www.brightonenergy.org.uk and for more on PV and the payment scheme see www.est-kss.org.uk. Read about Steyning 10:10 at www.1010steyning.org.

Right at the end Caroline Lucas came in and talked about recent Parliamentary events.

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Round Hill Quiz

How much do you know about Brighton, Hove and Round Hill?

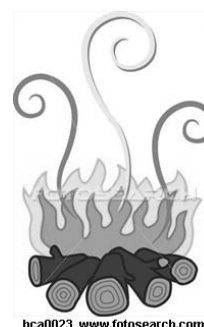
1. In which year did Brighton and Hove officially 'join' to become Brighton & Hove?
2. In which year did Brighton & Hove become a city?
3. What was Brighton known as before it was named in 1810?
4. What is Brighton & Hove's population?
5. Who designed the West Pier?
6. In which year did the naturist beach open?
24. In which street in Round Hill was the Lewes Rd Hospital and Dispensary for women and children located in 1905?
25. Which dangerous disease broke out in Round Hill and Bevendean in 1950?
26. The Martha Gunn was named in 1973 – what was it originally called?
27. Which local pub suffered a direct hit from a 'screaming bomb' in 1940?
28. What was the Upper Lewes Rd originally called?

What do these Saxon place terms mean?

7. Coomb (as in Moulsecoomb)
8. Dean or dene (as in Saltdean or Westdene)?
9. Bury (as in Hollingbury)?
10. Tun or ton (as in Brighton)?
11. Mere or mer (as in Stanmer)?
12. Twitten?
13. Ham(as in Patcham)?
14. What was the name of the Round Hill windmill?
15. What were the family names of the two main landowners of Round Hill in the 19th century?
16. What was the main roofing material in Round Hill during the Victorian period?
17. What is the name of the cheap building material often used in Victorian Round Hill houses because bricks were expensive?
18. Lennox Road, Round Hill was never built – was do we now know it as?
19. There were two factories in Round Hill in the early 20th century – what did they make? (two answers)
20. What was Brighton General Hospital originally built as?
21. What is the 'Lewes Rd Board School' now?
22. In which year was the Lewes Rd railway viaduct demolished?
23. What was the Lewes Rd railway station used for after the Brighton to Kempdown passenger railway closed in 1933?

Answers on page 7.

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Parking made worse by CPZ

Has next door's CPZ made parking worse in Round Hill?

The recent flurry of postings on the Yahoo Round Hill site indicated a sudden impact of the neighbouring Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ). Here Cllr West outlines the background, and indicates some of our options. Please tell him your thoughts and wishes at Pete.West@brighton-hove.gov.uk, and please let the Round Hill Reporter have them too. At the moment your editor is aware of fewer than 20 voices calling for a Round Hill CPZ. Hardly a mandate for action.

From Cllr Pete West:

I'm sure few residents of Round Hill are yet to notice the new CPZ in streets south of London Road Station. As a ward councillor, I've received a number of letters about the increase in displaced parking this has caused. I'm extremely pleased for the residents I also represent living within the scheme - for many years they have been campaigning for this parking scheme. But I am also concerned that the scheme is having an undesirable impact on Round Hill, and am keen to know what you would like to see happen next.

Last year residents in Round Hill, the Park Crescent triangle, Rugby Road area and roads south of the London Road station (known as Viaduct Rise) were all consulted about possible inclusion in a new CPZ. Responses were examined on a street-by-street and area basis and a pretty clear picture emerged. Only the residents of Viaduct Rise had a majority in favour of having a CPZ. So, with our support the new Zone J, covering only Viaduct Rise, was set up in September.

It has taken some by surprise how few cars are now parked in the zone, with ample space remaining for many more. A number of factors lie behind this. We know that many residents don't own a vehicle and spaces were formerly being used by parkers displacing from elsewhere, shoppers and commuters too. Although there are more permits available, clearly some residents prefer or feel compelled by cost to park in adjacent

free areas, such as Round Hill, rather than pay for a permit.

Council officers have explained that permit uptake usually rises over the first few months of a new scheme as the benefits of easy permit-parking near to home is appreciated. So pressure on adjacent areas, such as Round Hill, is expected to fall. I have also successfully gained the late addition of the north side of Viaduct Road and west side of Ditchling Road to the scheme, which will benefit Round Hill residents.

Three months on, and the question is 'What now for Round Hill?' Are you concerned by the parking situation? Do you think it is worse, the same or easing? Do you think an extension to include some or all of Round Hill in the scheme would be a good idea? Or do you prefer the area to remain free parking? Would you like to see more enforcement action on bad parking (yellow lines on corners)? But note that this would reduce parking spaces available.

If you want to try for an extension of the scheme, strong support for this would first need to be registered. A petition could be started, would you want to help with that? Council officers have cautioned that even if there is a compelling show of support for an extension, it would be at best a number of years before the Council may have capacity to do anything, if anything at all. No promises are being made! As one of your councillors, I have no axe to grind, I simply seek to represent your views.

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You could give up your car, even arrange to share one car with a neighbour.

Have a look at the gains you could make...

Annie Rimington:

We used to have two cars, I used mine for travelling to work and trips out to visit family and friends. I bought my first car when I was twenty and it was a real symbol of independence and freedom. More than thirty

years on, giving up my car (even though we have another family car) was a big decision. Two years later I can really say I haven't missed it. I have learnt a lot about Brighton & Hove and local environs through using the (generally) excellent bus service. I book a city car club car whenever I need to and don't feel at all guilty about grabbing a cab when the bus seems too much effort.

I have saved money and I never have to worry about parking! I can even take comfort in knowing I have reduced my carbon emissions. I have also read more books. Have a look at the costs for my travel over the last year and compare them with the costs of running a car...and then consider trying it for a year. I don't think you'll go back.

Bus pass: £430 unlimited travel in Brighton & Hove (including Worthing, Lewes & Newhaven)

Carclub membership £50

10 x 2 hour rentals £100

Carclub mileage(200) £38

Taxis £80

Per Year £698

Per month £58

Have a look at www.citycarclub.co.uk

Dave Guest:

I gave up my car a few years ago, partly because of the parking problems in the area. I didn't like parking on the pavement and often

had to go a long way to find a space. It was getting so that I didn't use the car in the evenings in order to avoid the parking problem when I got home! Although I was a bit worried about living without a car, in fact I've never looked back. I use the city car club on the rare occasions I need it and the service is brilliant. Mostly I get by with public transport and do a lot more walking than before. And life is a lot simpler without MOTs, smashed wing mirrors and all the other stuff that goes along with car ownership.

Of course some people need their cars for work or mobility and for them a vehicle is a necessity, but there are probably others for whom the current problems will be the last straw - perhaps this painful readjustment will actually help some of us to make the transition?

Citizens Advice Bureau:

Free advice on managing your finances, including bank account issues, benefit overpayments, council rent arrears, budgeting and general debt problems.

Hove Town Hall, 1 Tisbury Road.

Drop-in advice: 9.15 to 11.15

Appts: Mon, Wed, Thu 1pm to 4pm

More information

www.brightonhovecab.org.uk

How much do you know about Brighton, Hove and Round Hill? – the answers

1. 1997
2. 2000
3. Brighthelmston
4. 260,000
5. Eugenius Birch
6. 1980
7. Valley
8. Valley
9. Hill fort
10. Farm
11. Pond/lake
12. Passage between buildings
13. Settlement
14. Tower Mill
15. Stanford and Kemp
16. Slate
17. Bungaroosh – lime mortar, gravel, flints and anything else handy
18. Cat creep
19. Pills and recycled golf balls
20. Workhouse
21. Fairlight School
22. 1983
23. Pickle factory
24. Round Hill Crescent (No.101)
25. Smallpox
26. The New Inn
27. Franklin Arms
28. Gypsy Lane





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