



The Round Hill Reporter

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Twenty Years of the Round Hill Society

Anniversary events – all welcome



A **Garden Party**, a **Jumble Trail**, a **Coffee Morning** (all on page 4), a **Book-swap** at the next Playsafe (on this page), a **Quick Community Clean-up** (see page 3) and two **Heritage Walks** (page 7) are all planned to help us celebrate 20 years of action for our area and community. We should also have a selection pack of **Greetings Cards** soon (see page 7).

Back 10 years ago when Stefan Holmstrom

first drew the cartoon birthday cake for the 40th Round Hill Reporter we also launched a set of cards – history repeating itself.

Book-Swap and Playsafe Sunday 15th September

Some of you may remember that in a recent Playsafe event we ran a plant swap and sale which residents really enjoyed. So, at the next Playsafe - **3pm-5pm, in Mayo Road** - we'll also be running a book swap. Please bring your books to swap with others - kids, fiction, non-fiction...all welcome! Any books left over from the event which aren't swapped or taken home will be taken to a charity shop, so please make sure your books are in a good enough state to donate!

As usual there will be tea and cake for a small donation, so come along even without children.

Early Notice of the next Round Hill Community Meeting.

6.30 to 8.30pm Wednesday 16th October

Like last year the meeting will be hosted by Pavilions at Richmond House, D'Aubigny Road. There will be hot drinks and cake at the beginning, a little formal business and a chance to raise your concerns on any and all Round Hill matters. There may be a raffle!

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Round Hill's Alternative to Crufts

In Round Hill, thanks to the boundless enthusiasm of Jan Curry, our second (Fun) Round Hill Dog Show was a great success. Dogs of all sizes and pedigrees competed in a wide range of both challenging and hilarious categories: Bad Hair Day; Shiniest Coat; Best Trick; Musical Sits; Temptation Alley; Most Fabulous Fella; Most Beautiful Bitch; Best Paw Shaker and Musical Statues.

Temptation Alley, in which dogs had to show that they could resist successive plates of sausages, was perhaps the biggest challenge with several dogs driven to delicious distraction by the first plate and only a couple getting to the end without succumbing. The children with their toy dogs had a big advantage here and, along with a super-cool lurcher, swept up the winners' rosettes.

Musical Statues, in which dogs and owners had to remain still for a minute once the music stopped, was increasingly comic as the 60 seconds slowly ticked by.

This year the prizes move up market - dog poo bags gave way to several £20 vouchers, dog collars and dog treats, generously donated by local pet shops. The humble sausage prize, however, remained a favourite with the dogs themselves - especially the vegan dog, whose owners were thankfully very broad-minded!

Another new feature was the raffle, with many good prizes provided by the pet shops. Ironically, the top prize, a beautifully created basket of doggy items, was won by Dom who doesn't have a dog! Problem solved by Dom distributing the contents to those who did!

The occasion certainly lived up to its claim to be a fun dog show, let's hope it happens again.

(Thanks to Jan Curry, the inspiration and organiser, Eva Wendler, who raised the prizes, Henry and Sandy Thomas, the judges, and especially those traders who provided the prizes: **A. Coombes Pet Centre** on Baker Street; **Pets Pantry** at the Open Market, **The Pet Shed** on Preston Drove and **Brogues** of Baker Street (for shoe donation.) and **Bone Idol** in St James Street. Please do mention the event when going to these shops and buy locally to help them stay in business.



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Above: Henry and a winner. Below: Jan & Benji



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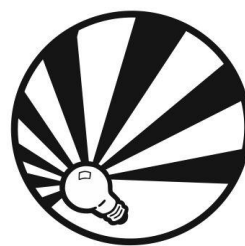
One of the many reasons that Round Hill is such a popular place to live, is the special unspoilt character of and history of our local architecture. This is recognised and described in Round Hill's conservation statement. However along with conservation status comes the responsibility for all of us to protect and improve our architecture.

Recently there have been several 'improvements' to made to houses without owners first gaining the legally required planning permission. Unfortunately for them, when they applied for retrospective permission they found they had to remove all their unlawful alterations and replace them with designs and materials that met with conservation planning requirements. Brand new UPVC front doors and windows were all torn out and replaced for a second time with wooden doors and sliding sash windows, no doubt costing much more than if guidance and permission had been sought first.

The special characteristics of Round Hill have extra protection through an Article 4 Directive which states *"In order to halt the erosion of features such as sliding sash windows and traditional materials that was threatening to harm the special character of this conservation area, an additional planning control known as Article 4 was brought in. This requires owners to apply for planning permission to carry out works that were previously 'permitted development'. This means that the alteration or replacement of all windows, doors or roofs fronting a highway or open space, and the demolition or alteration of chimneys, all needs planning permission."*

Don't get caught out. The Round Hill Society has written to all local Managing Agents to remind them of their responsibilities.

More information on BHCC's website at www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/sites/brighton-hove.gov.uk/files/Conservation_Area_Roundhill_Dec_2015.pdf



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The 150th Anniversary of the Kemp Town Line

The entrance to William Clark Park is beside 2 Hartington Road, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex.

The Kemp Town branch line opened on the 2nd August 1869 so we are going to celebrate its 150th anniversary.

There will be music, projections, mural unveiling and performances to celebrate the anniversary Saturday 21 September: 1500-2200.

No booking required. The entrance is next to No 2 Hartington Road. For more information go to www.williamclarkepark.org.

Community Clean-up

Tuesday 10th September 18.00 – 19.30

At this time of year the plants are pushing through from the neighbouring industrial estate and need cutting back. And the Cat Creep can be a head scratching walk. If you can help for a while, and **bring suitable tools**, please come along. CityClean will take away the waste. Meet at the top of the Catcreep.

We hope to be joined by volunteers from The Good Gym who will be running (!) to join us from 6.30 to 7pm. Contact goodgym.org for more info about their exercise with community benefits.

Roundhill Coffee Morning

Saturday 14th Sept 10:30-12:00

Roundhill residents come and meet your neighbours for a chat and to buy some delicious tea, coffee and cake at The Roundhill pub.

Baking donations are very welcome (monies will go towards the Round Hill Society for future events & local causes).

Vegan and gluten free options will be available.

The pub opens at midday so feel free to stay on for more food & drink if you fancy it.

A big thanks to **Max & Rosi** at the pub for once again hosting this community event!



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Celebrating 35 years on Round Hill

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Summer Garden Party at 47 Richmond Road

Sunday 22nd September 2pm to 5.30pm

Hope for good weather and come along with the classic tartan rug, something to drink and eat, and your sociable hat on. This is a special treat because access to committee member Jamie Aitchison's garden is a first for most of the community.

It's not really for me to say this, but why not get a sneak preview of Jamie's garden on Google maps. Just east of Mayo Road and north of Richmond Road, click to satellite and you will see a big square grassy space where the garden party will happen.

Jumble Trail

Noon to 2pm Sunday 15th September

Our second Jumble Trail is a chance to set up a table outside your house and await a flow of local folk passing in search of bargains. They will know you are there because our Community Noticeboard (Facebook) will have a list of addresses and a map showing where each participant is.

All you have to do is get the basic information to Andrew Partington on 07580 408522, or leave a note at 6 Richmond Road by the 8th September. It may even be possible to place the information on the Community Noticeboard

It need not be bric-a-brac and household items, it could be cake or pot plants or books (but be aware there is a book swap on the same afternoon in Mayo Road (see front page). Children might want to be rid of old toys, and get around to find replacements on other stalls.

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Pocket Parks for Round Hill

Pocket parks are springing up worldwide, using small pieces of land to create green public spaces - we'd like to try to create something like this in Round Hill.

We've identified locations and researched what's involved to make these mini green spaces. Our councillor Pete West supports us and we've had meetings with the council and local community gardeners. We need council permission - by the time you read this we'll have met with City Parks Head of Operations and may know whether we have a "green light". Until we get a decision our plans are speculative, but here's what we'd like to do, with **YOUR** support and help.

The sites:

Ditchling Road southbound bus stop.

How about a safer space with raised planting and seating to deter pavement parking? We could add in something fun for children – something to play on like mini outdoor gym bars or a curly path? We have many ideas and would welcome more. We're excited to be meeting the head of B&H Buses in September to discuss having a bee-friendly, green roofed bus shelter.



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Junction of Crescent Road and Princes Crescent.

We've started an online petition to narrow this junction, making it safer for pedestrians and keeping cars on the correct side of the road when turning into Crescent Road. We could use the extra pavement for small flowerbeds or maybe a tree. Do you agree? If so, sign the petition on Brighton and Hove council's website by 7 October (search petitions and "narrowing Crescent Road"). There'll be a paper petition soon. If you disagree, it would be helpful to know your concerns.

Richmond Road/Mayo Road junction.

We could increase the planting here and incorporate seating, a community noticeboard, bug hotel, children's little library (see the lovely one in Norfolk Square). The list is (almost) endless.

If permitted, we'll apply to charities and organisations for funding for the structures/planting and hold fund-raising events, but we hope our community will join in and offer their skills free to help make this happen.

In the next few months we'll put up displays to show how these pocket parks could look. We hope you'll get involved and share your ideas and/or concerns. We're interested to talk to garden designers; gardeners; carpenters; builders; anyone happy to pitch in and give their time free for the community. Once up and running we'd love to form a volunteer "gardening crew" to regularly maintain our new spaces. Those not so able might come along to sit, watch, chat and encourage! More news to come.....

Dominic Furlong and Jane Power

Jewellery-making classes

Something new at the Roundhill

We all know you can get good beer and great food at the Roundhill. Then there are the events nights: Quiz, Folk, Boogie-Woogie and Cabaret. Now there is the chance to get creative and make a lovely sterling silver ring yourself at the Jewellery Making workshops run by Alice Ashton.

I decided to treat myself to the workshop Alice ran on Monday the 12th August. No previous experience is needed, I certainly didn't have any, just lots of enthusiasm and an idea or two. Alice started the session by talking us through the equipment we would be using and explaining how the lost wax casting technique is used to cast our final designs. It was a lovely relaxing day, although a little apprehensive about my skills, I was soon carving, filing and shaping my wax with some skill. We took a break for a lovely two course lunch and then completed our pieces ready for Alice to take away, cast and polish. Can't wait to see how my finished ring will look.

If you are looking to treat yourself, then this is a great present for yourself or someone special. It is fun, relaxing, a chance to meet new people and you discover creative talents you didn't know you had. The cost (about 70 pounds) includes use of equipment, wax for carving, silver casting, polishing and delivery of your finished piece and of course a delicious two course lunch. The class starts at a civilised 11am and finishes around 3pm, with a maximum of 8 people per class.

If you would like to try one of Alice's Jewellery-Making workshops then contact: Alice Ashton Jewellery Facebook page for up to date details of cost and date of next workshop.

There will be a photo in the next Reporter of my finished ring.

Barbara Harris

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Crime on Round Hill

Latest statistics

Here are the latest figures for the Round Hill area, including Sylvan Hall, bounded by the Ditchling Road, the railway line, the gyratory and the Upper Lewes Road.

Crime	April	May	June
Anti-social behaviour	12	3	6
Bike theft	2	0	1
Burglary	0	0	0
Criminal damage	1	3	1
Other theft	5	2	3
Shoplifting	2	2	4
Violence and sexual offences	11	9	11
Other	6	7	10
TOTAL	39	26	36

April's large number contains 10 crimes at the Gyratory including carrying a weapon, vehicle crime, anti-social behaviour, shoplifting and theft. A further 6 (theft, violence and shoplifting) happened at the BP petrol station on Ditchling Road. These are usually our 2 crime-dense locations. There were also 8 crimes reported on Sylvan Hall. Perhaps of most direct relevance the core streets of Round Hill (Mayo, D'Aubigny, Ashdown, Richmond and Round Hill Crescent) reported 11 crimes being 5 Anti-social behaviour, 5 violent crime and 1 Criminal damage - a bad month.

May's hotspots were the Gyratory 4, the BP station 4, Sylvan Hall 5 and the Upper Lewes Rd 4.

June saw 10 crimes at or near Round Hill Crescent – mainly public order issues. Whilst the drugs and weapons incidents were on the fringes of Round Hill.



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A Round Hill Ramble

10.30 to noon, Sat 21st and Sun 22nd Sept.

Created to celebrate 20 years of community and conservation action on Round Hill this walk has drawn on the History Group's work, which produced the Rose Hill to Round Hill book in 2004, plus additional elements by Chris Tullett for the walks he has led around the area, and the rich resources generated by Ted Power and placed on the Round Hill website along with all of the issues of the Round Hill Reporter.

These 90 minute walks will try to paint a picture of the development of Round Hill, in its social and technological context, with the aid of a folder of images and the imagination of the participants.

You can sign up to join via the Heritage Open Door website, once there search for Brighton and Hove and scroll down just a few items for 'A Round Hill Ramble'.

There is no charge, but tickets are limited to ensure a manageable group. There will be a collection afterwards to help fund a Blue Plaque in Round Hill Crescent.

Rob Stephenson

A New Set of Greetings Cards

Classic pictures of Round Hill

They will be ready soon, maybe in September, certainly for the annual gathering in October. Probably being 2 each of five photos in packs of 10 for about 4 of your British Pounds. Size is A6, full colour and complete with envelopes. Blank inside for maximum flexibility of use.



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Non-emergency police reporting: call 101 if your issue is not urgent or you have a question, alternatively report a crime or incident on www.sussex.police.uk/reportonline.

The cast of 'Clean' performing in a Round Hill garden during the May Festival. Written by Sam Chittenden the play celebrates women of Round Hill over the years.



Christmas is Coming



It will soon be time to plan your Advent Window display and consider joining or Seasonal Singing Walk., or putting some cash in one of the buckets on 18th Dec.

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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